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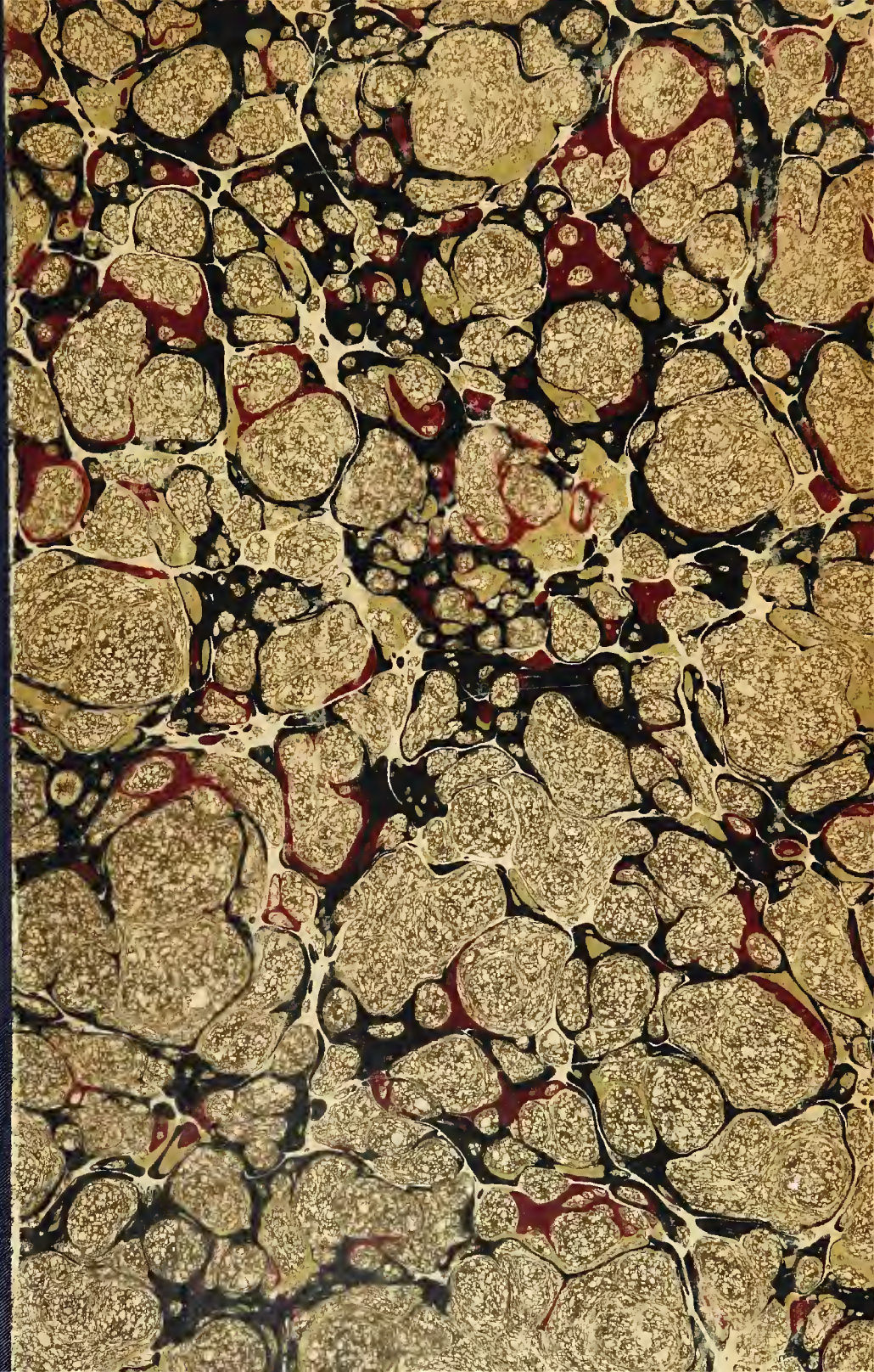

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INTRODUCTION.

THE more one studies the labours of Joseph Ames and the Rev. William Herbert, in the "Typographical Antiquities," the more striking becomes the industry and care shown in their work. Taking into consideration the difficulties which must have attended the prosecution of research work in the eighteenth century, it is astonishing that they should have found so much information and made so few mistakes.

Among other things they recognised the value of wills as historical documents, and endeavoured to trace those of the early printers and stationers. But in their day the records of Doctors Commons were only available to those who had time and money to waste, and the result was that only in three or four cases were their efforts crowned with success. Happily, a better state of things prevails now. The wills of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury down to within the last one hundred years are available to literary men free of charge. The wills, and the registers in which they were copied, have been transferred to Somerset House, where a special room, called the "Literary Search Department," is set apart for literary searchers. Better still, the various genealogical and antiquarian societies throughout the country, notably the British Record Society, realizing the value of this class of documents, have, during the last century, done most valuable work in printing lists and calendars of wills preserved in the various registries. To the British Record Society belongs the distinction of having printed an alphabetical calendar of the wills in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, from the earliest date down to the year 1604. Dr. Reginald Sharpe's valuable calendar to the wills of freemen enrolled in the Court of Hustings

of the City of London, is too well-known to need more than mention, while a third most valuable work is the *Index to the Wills in the Court of the Chancellor of the University of Oxford*, compiled by the Rev. John Griffiths.

With such aids as these it has become possible to bring together a collection of abstracts from the wills of English stationers on a larger scale than has ever been attempted before. The bulk of those now presented to the reader in this volume deal with the stationers of London, and are to be found in the Registers of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury and of the Commissary of London at Somerset House, only one being found in Dr. Sharpe's Calendar of the wills in the Court of Hustings. The Oxford stationers whose wills are noted in Mr. Griffiths' Index have been added as an Appendix.

The reason why abstracts are given in preference to copies of the wills is, first of all, space. Even the shortest of these documents is framed in legal words, which become monotonous with constant repetition, and are of no value from the literary standpoint. Nor, from the point of view of interest, was anything to be gained by printing the wills as a whole. Not even the importance of the testator as a member of the Company of Stationers, and still less the length of the will, is any guarantee that it will be of interest; indeed, very often the reverse is the case. For instance, the will of John Sedley, stationer, covers seven closely written folio pages, but there is not a word of reference to his business, and the names met with in it have no bearing on the history of printing or bookselling. Again, in the will of Ralph Howell, stationer, who died in 1603, out of two pages, one and a half consists of an expression of his religious belief. No good end would have been served by printing these in full, while the bulk of the volume would have been greatly increased.

The object kept in view in this compilation has been to illustrate, as far as possible, the history of printing and bookselling, and the plan followed has been to give the date of the making of the will, the place of burial, the bequests, the names of the executors, overseers and witnesses, and the date upon which the will was proved. All names, both of persons and places,

have been inserted as means of further reference. One never knows where information may not be found, and even female names, as one or two instances in this volume show, may be followed up with advantage.

Not only do the wills of Lucy Reynes, widow of John Reynes, of Joan Wolfe, widow of Reginald Wolfe, and of Elizabeth Toye, widow of Robert Toye, supplement the information given in the wills of their husbands, but the will of Joan Wolfe is a much more interesting and valuable record.

The more important bequests, such as those left to the Stationers' Company, or which serve to throw light on the customs of the printing and bookselling trades, have been given in the words used by the testators.

The bulk of these wills are those of booksellers. Nor is this surprising. In the first place, the booksellers greatly outnumbered the printers. In the second place, while in the early days of the art of printing, the printers were men of good social position, as witness the cases of Caxton, John Rastell, John Day, Richard Grafton, and Richard Tottell, the growth of the monopolies, and the fierce trade competition quickly altered this state of things, with the result that before the end of the sixteenth century we find a larger number of poor men, such as Andrew Hester, who left the little he had to his widow, or John Wayland, who left nothing but "desperate debts." In many cases they made no wills, administration of their effects being granted to the next of kin. There is another reason that may account for the absence of wills of such important men as John Day, John Cawood, and Richard Grafton. They may have died elsewhere than in London, and their wills may be lying in some country registry. For instance, John Cawood, we know, was a native of Yorkshire, and it is quite possible that he may have returned there shortly before his death, and the same remark applies to Richard Grafton, who was a Shropshire man.

Another subject for regret is the barrenness of these wills as regards details of the implements and stock-in-trade of these printers and booksellers. This is due to the custom prevalent in the City of London, which ordained that its freemen who were married should divide their goods and chattels into three parts, one of which was to go to the wife, the second to the children,

while the third might be retained by the testator to dispose in legacies. Implements, household goods and stock-in-trade, were of course goods and chattels, and accordingly the printers and booksellers were content to word their wills in that way, hence so few particulars are found concerning their presses, etc. The loss would not be so great if we had the inventories which were bound to be lodged in the Court of Orphans by the executors of the deceased, but none of these are in existence before 1666. It is rarely that we find a will of a London man so interesting in this respect as that of Thomas Vautrollier.

No such custom prevailed outside London, and for this reason the wills of the country printers and booksellers are often most interesting, while the inventories attached to them furnish curious and valuable notes as to their stock and implements.

The chief points illustrated by these abstracts are (1) The close association of the printers and booksellers as a guild or brotherhood. Not only did they intermarry, and every printer's widow become a rich matrimonial prize that gave rise to keen rivalry, but they acted as executors, overseers and witnesses to each others' wills. (2) The great wealth of the Stationers' Company, as shown by the bequests they received. (3) The light thrown on the biography of individual printers and booksellers, and the history of the book trade generally. Take for example the will of John Reynes, with its reference to the custom of the book trade, or that of Joan Wolfe with its topographical details of the tenants of St. Paul's Churchyard, and its reference to Holinshed's "Chronicle," or again, that of Thomas Vautrollier, which dispels once for all the romantic story of the apprentice who married his master's daughter, the truth being that the master had no daughter, and that the servant seized the opportunity of securing a good business before anyone else had a chance, by marrying his master's widow. These abstracts show us yet another way in which a printer or bookseller could get a start, viz., by the generosity of his master. Such an instance occurs in the case of Nicholas Bourne, to whom his master, Cuthbert Burby, left his business on the most favourable terms, and also gave him the lease of the shop in the Royal Exchange, "in respect of his true and faithfull service."

It is hardly necessary to point out how these wills help us in determining the period during which certain men were at work, but in regard to dates a word of warning is necessary. Down to the year $17\frac{50}{51}$ the legal year began on the 25th March and ended on the 24th March, so that a will proved on February 19th, 1520, would in reality date from February 19th, 1521. This overlapping of the civil and legal dates is a fruitful source of error.

A list of the less important wills, abstracts of which are not given, and of those which have already appeared in print, with references to the books where such wills are to be found, has been added as an appendix.

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JOHN RUE[1] [*Bookseller*].

St. Paul's Churchyard.

Succeeded by A. Rue, or Ruwe.

Dated 23rd December, 1492. Proved 15th January, 149$\frac{2}{3}$.

Testator described as of Frankfort. To be buried in Pardon churchyard.

BEQUEST: To Andrew Rue, his brother.

EXECUTORS: The Secretary to the German Merchants of the Hanseatic League and "magistrum [ ] impressorem librorum de West^{r}."

WITNESSES: Gregory, curate of St. Faith's, Master John Petytt,[2] and Master Peter Martin. [*P.C.C. 9. Dogett.*]

(1). This is one of the earliest wills of a London bookseller. Rue was evidently in business with his brother, whose will is also in this series. The omission of the names of the printer at Westminster may be accounted for by the death of Caxton in 1491, and Rue's ignorance of his successor. Wynkyn de Worde's name is not found in any book before 1493. In this, and other instances where the name of an executor is given in Latin, the nominative case is here substituted for the accusative.

(2). See the will of Robert Toye in this volume, where mention is made of Master Petytt's house in the churchyard. Ames inclined to the belief that Thomas Petytt, who flourished between 1536–1555, was a relative of Jean Petit, of Paris.

GERARD WANSEFORD,

Of York.

Dated October 3rd, 1510. Proved 24th October, 1510.

Testator to be buried within the church of Sanct Margaret of Lenum Bishop, byfor the chapell of the Holy Trinite.[1]

BEQUESTS: "Rauf Polan of York, goldsmith," goods. "my broder Frederik Wanseford," goods. "Richard Watterson of London, xl*s*., to the which Richard Mr. Wynkyn de Word can inform yow." "Mr Wynkyn xl*s*. which I howght hym." residue to executors, brother "Frederick Wanseford of Yowrk, Rauff Polan of York, and Mr Meyner Weywik of London."

WITNESS: "Mr John Whytyng, Master of the college of Lenum [Lynn], Sir Thomas Spicer, prest, and Luttkyn Smyth, the which Luttkyn I make supervisor." [*R. Davies. Memoir of the York Press. Appendix A.*]

(1). Davies explains this as referring to the Guild of the Holy Trinity at King's Lynn, Norfolk, where the testator died.

ANDREW RUWE, OR RUE[1] ["*Stationarius*"].

St. Paul's Churchyard.

Dated 10th October, 1517. Proved 24th November, 1517.

Testator to be buried in Pardon churchyard.

BEQUESTS: To Katherine Ruwe of Frankfort on the Maine, sister; Joanne Ruwe, wife; Katherine Ruwe, daughter. "*Item* lego presbitero meo Thomas Wallis p̣rochiali sancte fidis, sermonum librum dormi secure ligatū, similitr̃ domino David Owen eiusd.eccl̃ie, sermones quintini ligatos."

EXECUTORS: Simon Coston, notary public, John Renys,[2] Judocus Peregrim.[3]

WITNESSES: Thomas Wallis, David Owen

[*Comm. of London. 134. Bennett.*]

(1). Brother of John Rue.

(2), (3). These seem to be intended for John Reynes and Judocus Pelgrim. If so, it is the earliest mention of the first.

RICHARD PYNSON (1493–1530),

Without Temple Bar, 1493–1501. Sign of St. George, next to St. Dunstan's Church, 1501-1530.
Succeeded by R. Redman.

Dated 15th November, 1529. Proved 18th February, $152\frac{9}{30}$.

Testator to be buried in the churchyard of St. Clement's without Temple Bar. Owned property in Chancery Lane and Tottenham (co. Middx.).

BEQUESTS: John Snowe and Richard Withers "shall serve their yeares at the assignment of my executrix. And at thende of their said yeres my said executrix to make them free of my craft. And the said John Snowe to have for his part 6*s* 8*d*. And the said Richard Wythers to have for his part 40*s*, paid to theym by thandes of myn executrix, yf the said John and Richard doo serve their yeres as true apprentices ought to doo." "Joane Pynson,[1] daughter of Richard Pynson, "late decessed," 10 li, with reversions to Amye and Joane Campyon, daughters of William Campion;[2] Margaret Warde, formerly Campion, daughter and executrix.

OVERSEER: Robert Chidley, gentleman.

WITNESSES: Matthew Saunders, curate of St. Dunstan's, Christopher Chillorne, Richard Dawson. [*P.C.C. 15. Jankyn.*]

(1). In the records of the City of London (Repertory 9, p. 387) she received permission to marry on 17th April, 28 Henry VIII. The Richard Pynson "late decessed" was doubtless a son of the testator.

(2). There were several Campions stationers in the reign of Henry VIII.

WYNANDUS DE WORDE[1] (1493–1534),

(JAN VAN WYNKYN),

In Caxton's house, 1493–1500. "Sun," in Fleet Street, 1500–1534.
Succeeded by John Byddell and James Gaver.

Dated 5th June, 1534. Proved 19th January, $153\frac{4}{5}$.

Testator to be buried in the church of St. Bride, Fleet Street, before the altar of St. Katherine.

BEQUESTS to Agnes Tidder, widow, and John Lyñen, three pounds apiece; Robert Darby, "my servant the value of three poundes sterling in printed books"; Robert Maas, "my servant, the value of xl*s.* sterling in books"; John Barbanson, "my servant the value of xl*s.* sterling in printed books"; Hectour, "my servant v. marks sterling in books;" Simon, "my servant the value of xx*s.* in books." John Wislyn "my servant the value of xx*s.* in books." "To Nowell[2] the bokebinder in shoo lane the value of *xx*s.* sterling in books." Hercules Diricke, "pouchmaker's sonne tenne poundes." "To every of myn apprentices three poundes sterling apece in printed books." John Butler "late my servant, as many printed books as shall amounte to the value of vi^{li} sterling." James Gaver, "late my servant, for his labour in executing of this my present testament and last will, as many printed books as shall amounte to the some of twenty marks sterling." 'I remitte and forgive John Bedill citizen & stacioner of London late my servante for his labour in executing the same my said testament and last will, all such monney and dettes as he owith me, which James Gaver and John Bedill I make myne executours of this my present testament & last will." "And of th[e]ouersight and execution of this my present testament and last will I make and ordeyne Henry Pepwell[3] John Gowgh[4] and Robert Copland[5] Stacioners / and I bequeathe to the same Henry for his labour as many printed bookes as shall amount to the value of foure poundes sterling./ And I remytte and forgive vnto the said John Gowgh for his labour all suche monney and debtes as he owith me and besides that I geve and bequeathe vnto him as manny printed bookes as shall amounte to the value of foure poundes sterling / And I bequeathe to the said Robert Copland for his labour as manny printed bookes as shall amounte to the value of tenne markes sterling."

WITNESSES: Humphry Town curat; John Studd, Thomas Cooke, John Tourner. [*P.C.C. 22. Hogen.*]

(1). Jan van Wynkyn must have been of great age at the time of his death. This may account for the absence of any mention of wife, sons, or any relatives, though it is known that a William Wynkyn applied to the Court of Common Council in the very year of De Worde's death, for admission as a freeman into the Company of Stationers.

(2). See also the will of Edward Ylle in this volume.

(3). Living at the "Holy Trinity" in St. Paul's Churchyard.

(4). Living at the "Mermaid," next Paul's Gate.

(5). Living at the "Rose Garland" in Fleet Street. This printer did a great deal of editorial work for Jan van Wynkyn, and published at least one book in partnership with him.

JOHN RASTELL (1516–1536).

South side of Paul's. Before the South door of Paul's. "Mermaid" at Paul's Gate next to Cheapside (1520–1536).

Dated 20th April, 1536. Proved 12th October, 1536.

BEQUESTS to Wife Elizabeth,[1] "my house in St. Martyns,[2] with my presse, notes and ĩres comprised in the same." Son John for the satisfaction of his grandames bequest £10. Daughter Jone, for the satisfaction of her aunts bequest £5. Son William,[3] 40 shillings. "Maister Crumwell[4] for his good counsell to be had after dethe to be paied as it may be received of the sale of my bookis, v. marks." "My Lord Chancellor[5] for his lawfull favor, spedy iustice in my sutis that shalbe before hym to be paied of the sale of my said books xl*s*." Thomas Wilson, "my servant over and besides his wages lyvery and borde after my deceas assone as my concordaunce and the table thereof is fynished and fayre written of hym to be printed, xx*s*."[6] Katerine, "my servant," vj*s*. viij*d*. Residue to executors. "And because I am moste in daunger to the kings grace by bondes and oders of his comyn lawe I make his grace and my poore neighbour Rauf Cressey myn executours not because he is able to matche w^t^ his moste noble grace but because he knoweth many secretts of my mind whiche be necessary for his grace to knowe, besechyng his grace to considre what I have had of his grace, and what iuste and true service I have don̄ unto hym bothe in worde, dede, and thought / and if any man have reaported to his grace the contrary, I take it on my deathe it is vntruely reaported." "Also if it pleas the kingis grace not to medle, but to shewe his charitie and m̄cye vpon me, then I will that the residue of all my goodis and detts shall goo to Rauf Cressey my sole executor & to Elizabeth my poore wyf to be deuyded equally among them, bicaus the said Rauf

Cressey shall take the payne to gather my detts and prosecute my lawfull sutes and to keep my said servant as is aforesaid vnto the said concordaunce bee fayre written and the table to print, and also to print the said concordaunce and table to the pformaunce of this my last will."

OVERSEER: Sir Francis Bigot.

WITNESSES: John Goughe, Johane Smythe, James Spencer, and John Turner.

PROBATE: Ralf Cressey renounced probate, which was thereupon granted to Elizabeth, the widow, on the 12th October, 1536.

[*P.C.C. 3. Crumwell.*]

(1). The sister of Sir Thomas More.

(2). The "Mermaid," in Cheapside, "next Pauls Gate," was in the parish of St. Martin le Grand. Part of the premises were occupied by John Gough, bookseller.

(3). William Rastell was born about 1508. After practising as a printer for some years he was admitted a student of Lincoln's Inn in 1532, and gradually rose in his profession until, in 1558, he was made a Justice of the Queen's Bench. He died in Louvain on 27th August, 1565.

(4). Thomas Cromwell, made Chancellor of the Exchequer 1533; Master of the Rolls 1534; Vicar-General 1535; Earl of Essex 1540, and beheaded the same year.

(5). Sir Thomas Audley.

(6). It is not clear what work is referred to in this statement, and nothing with such a title can be traced.

JOHN REYNES.

The George, St. Paul's Churchyard (1527?-1544.)
Succeeded by Lucy Reynes, widow (*q.v.*).

Dated 8th April, 33 Henry VIII (1542). Proved 26th February, 1544.

Testator to be buried in Pardon churchyard.

BEQUESTS: To Thomas Holwarde "a hundreth shillings in bokes." Jamys "my dutchman, twenty shillings in money." Edward Wright "ten poundes in bokes." Edward Sutton "a hundreth shillings in bokes." Robert Holder[1] "ten poundes in bokes." "And they two Thomas Holwarde and Edward Sutton[2] whan they have laid out all their parts to the value of v^li^ a pece after

the price as Arnold and John Bryckman[3] doe sell them to London to the booksellers also by equall porcyon. So that they also take parte of all sortes out of my store chambers immedyatly as they shall come oute of theyr tyme and have servyd theyr mistres truely oute their tyme and she to make them free men of the City of London upon theyr coste. *Item.* Edward Wryght and Rober [*sic*] Holder I wyll that they two shall helpe their Mistress two yeres long after my departing, and they to helpe her to pay my creditors and to gather in my debts that other men doo owe me, because they knowe best myn handelyng and for to helpe her for to sell her bokes that I shall leve her after that myn legacye shalbe payd of the sayd bokes. Also I wyll that Edward Wryght and Rober [*sic*] Holder shall have the sayd two yeres that they two shall serve . . . eche of theym the same wages as I did gyve and have promised Edward syns he came oute of his tyme, besides their legacy. And yf Edward Wryght and Robert Holder be disposed for to bye my stock by days, with all my instrumentes, and all that belongeth to my science[4] . . . that then they shall have the preminence afore any other man. And the money that shall com of my bokes, I wyll that thone parte shalbe distributed to the poor householders of Saint Faythes. And that other parte to my executrice lucy my wif . . . To my brethern the Stacyoners that they shall com to my buryall and to the masse, for to make them a brekfast, twenty shillings."

EXECUTRIX: Luce Raynes.

OVERSEERS: Thomas Dockrey[5] and John Lewes, both notaryes.

[*P.C.C. 23. Pynning.*]

(1). Robert Holder became one of the Assistants of the Company of Stationers upon its incorporation.

(2). Edward Sutton afterwards carried on business at the Cradle, in Lombard Street.

(3). Arnold and John Bryckman, the celebrated booksellers of Antwerp, Paris, and London. In a subsidy made in the 3rd Edward VI, Arnold Bryckman was assessed in St. Faith's parish at £100, and a John Bryckman is entered as a "straunger" dwelling with Andrew Hester, and was assessed at £30.

(4). This may refer to his trade as a bookbinder.

(5). The first Master of the Stationers' Company.

EDWARD YLLE.[1]

Dated 25th March, 1545. Proved 20th April, 1545.

Testator to be buried "in paulischurcheyarde righte before the crosse."

BEQUESTS: "I will that Maister Thomas Bartelett, to be my full executor, and I will that he shall receave suche debtes as be owing to me and also he to pay the debtes likewise that I doo owe untill the time that a certayne bargaynne be full ended and payed as ys comprehendyd in a payre of indentures. And that fynysshed and doon . . . he shall have for his paynes taking iii^{li} vi*s.* viii*d.*" "unto my brother John my best gowne." [unto] "my brother Thomas my secunde gowne." "unto my mystres Raynes viij*s.*" "Robert Holder[2] vj*s.* viij*d.*" "Edward Sutton[3] v*s.*" "Company of Stationers towards their charge xx*s.*" "Gyles Lauret bynder iij*s.* iiij*d.*" "Nowell bynder[4] iij*s.* iiij*d.*" "John Lewes and his wyf xiij*s.* iiij*d.*" "Sir Thomas Ebbe, curate of sainte ffaithes iij*s.* iiij*d.*" "Richard Richardson vj*s.* viij*d.*" "John Cawood[5] my black jacket." "John Cawood's wyf, two sawcers, a dysshe, a litle potte of pewtree [pewter]." "John Nowseley dwelling in Lumberte streate, my hole harnyse."

OVERSEERS: William Bonham (*q.v.*) and Henry Tabe (*q.v.*) "and for theyre paynes taking in yt, vj*s.* viij*d.* a peece."

WITNESSES: Syr Thomas Ebbe curate, and John Cawoode.

[*Commissary of London, Story 147.*]

(1). No stationer of this name appears to be known. From the bequests left to certain bookbinders, he was perhaps a bookbinder in the employ of Lucy Reynes.

(2) and (3). See the wills of John and Lucy Reynes in this series.

(4). Lived in Shoe Lane: See the will of W. de Worde in this series.

(5). Formerly apprenticed to John Reynes. Warden of the Company of Stationers 1554 and 1555–7. Died April 1st, 1572.

LUCY RAYNES, OR REYNES, WIDOW (1544–1548).

George, St. Paul's Churchyard.

Dated 28th April, 1548. Proved 25th October, 1549.

Testator to be buried "in the litle churchyarde nighe pawles in London nigh unto the Chapell dore."

BEQUESTS: To Hybbylthwaites "cosyn," goods and xl*s.* Laundesdale "cosyn." William Lewes "cosyn" vi*s.* viii*d.* Lucy Greston "goddaughter" vi*s.* viii*d.* John Chambre x*s.* Nicholas Dixon, "sometyme my servant," vi*s.* viii*d.* John Cawood's[1] child, "god-daughter" vi*s.* viii*d.* Robert Holder and Edward Sutton,[2] "late my servants," xx*s.* a piece. Robert Knight of Bromley, xx*s.* Oliver Knight "godson" an "angelot in gold." Thomas Argall, goods and xl*s.* Robert Johnson, one of the proctors of the Arches, goods. Peter Johnson, "godson, an angelot of gold." Arthur Johnson, vi*s.* viii*d.* John Lewes "cosyn" one of the proctors of the Arches, goods. Joanne Lewes, "cosyn," goods. Fraunces Lewes, god-daughter, "an angelot of gold." Doctor Cooke. Mistress Assheley. Mistress Talkarn. Mistress Kydd. Faith Sutton, vi*s.* viii*d.*

EXECUTORS: Robert Johnson and John Lewes.

OVERSEER: Thomas Argall.

WITNESSES: Roger Hunt, Robert Warmington, John Goodman, John Chamber.

[*P.C.C.* 40. *Populwell.*]

There is a list of minor bequests placed just before the probate. Mention is made of "Reyner Woolf's child."

(1). As John Cawood, the eminent stationer, is several times mentioned in this volume, and no will of his has been found, the following brief note of his career may be useful. He came of a Yorkshire family, was born in 1514, and apprenticed to John Reynes. He was Warden of the Company in the years 1554, 1555–7, and was Master in 1561, 1562, and 1566. Cawood was printer to Queen Mary, and in Elizabeth's reign was joined with Richard Jugge in the patent. He died April 1st, 1572. By his first wife he had three sons and four daughters. Two of his sons, John and Edmund, died in 1570, and the third, Gabriell, succeeded to the business. His daughter, Mary, married George Bishop, printer (*q.v.*). Isabel married T. Woodcock, stationer; Susannah married Robert Bullock, and Barbara married Mark Norton.

(2). See will of John Reynes, p. 6.

RICHARD KEALE, OR KELE (1546?–1552?).

The Long Shop in the Poultry.

Dated 10th September, 1552. Proved 19th October, 1552.

Testator to be buried in the parish church of St. Mary Wolchurch, "where I now dwell."

BEQUESTS: One half of his estate to his children William, Margaret and Judith. John Kele[1] "my brother, lease of the Long Shoppe in the Poultry under St. Mildred's Church wall . . . and twenty poundes worth of ware [*i.e.*, books] . . . at the comyng oute of his Apprentiship." Richard Kele[2] "my uncle fortie shillings." Richard Lant[2] "fourtie shillings" etc. Mark Norton grocer, "fourtie shillinges." John Hunt, "fourtie shillings," John Aldey[3] "myne apprentice fyve pounds in wares." Richard Adam,[4] Thomas Cole, William Richardson, Edmund Hawley, apprentices, "fourtie shillings apiece in "ware." "To the masters of my company [*i.e.*, the Stationers] fourtie shillinges." To the poor of London, forty shillings a year for five years. To prisoners in the King's Bench, Marshalsea, the Flyte [*i.e.*, Fleet], Ludgate, Newgate and the two compters Bredstrete and the pultrey four pounds, thirteen shillings and fourpence to be divided equally. John Astill or Astell, ten pounds on condition of his taking possession of certain lands and messuages lately purchased by the testator of William Fraunce and to convey the same to his executors. [Situation of property not stated]. Robert Fryer to have the tuition of Judith. John Tull to have the tuition of William. Robert Toye to have the tuition of Margaret.

EXECUTORS: Children William, Margaret and Judith.

OVERSEERS: Robert Toye, stationer[5], John Tulle, draper, Robert Fryer and John Wetherell, goldsmiths.

WITNESSES: John Keyll, goldsmith, Thomas Aleyn, pewterer.

CODICIL: To Symond Ludford his phisiĉon, fourtie shillings. To Thomas Bolt, grocer, thirty shillings. *Item*, I wyll that Mr. Toye shall make free Thomas Myles his yeres being exspired.

WITNESSES: John Alday his servant, John Wetheryll, goldsmith, Robt. fryer, goldsmith, J. Tull, draper.

Probate granted 19th October, 1552, to Robert Toye, etc., and afterwards in 1564 to the children.

[*P.C.C. 25. Powell.*]

(1). John Kele's name is found in the Charter granted in 1555.—Arber's *Trans.*, Vol. I, p. xxxiii.

(2). Richard Lant's name is also found there. *Ibid.*

(3). Made free in January, 1555. Arber's *Trans.*, Vol. I, p. 33.

(4). Made free between 10th July, 1558–10th July, 1559. *Ibid.*, Vol. I, p. 98.

(5). See his will in this series.

THOMAS BARTHELETT OR BERTHELET (1528–1555).

Sign: Lucretia Romana, Fleet Street.
Succeeded by his nephew Thomas Powell.

Dated 24th September, 1555. Proved 9th November, 1555.

Testator to be buried in St. Bride's, Fleet Street, in the Lady Chapel.

BEQUESTS: To Edward Barthelett "my son and heir," manor of Hilhampton alias Ilhampton and lands in Mardon, co. Hereford; messuages in St. Bride's Fleet Street, Bishopsgate Street, and the parish of St. Margarets in Friday Street, amounting to a third of his lands. Anthony Barthelett "my younger son," messuages in Distaff Lane, Friday Street, Bread Street, St. Sepulchre's and land in the parish of St. Andrew, Holborn, with reversion to Thomas Powell,[1] nephew. Margaret, "wife," messuages in St. Andrews, Holborn and St. Sepulchres', "and the house with the ways, walks, etc., which I reserve for my own use in Crokhorne Alley in the said parish of St. Andrew's, Holborn," with reversion to sons. Goods to be divided into three parts according to the custom of the City of London, one to his wife, another to his two sons, and the third to pay funeral expenses and the following legacies, Thomas Powell "my nephew" 20li in goods. Prudence Skynner "my goddaughter" xx*s.* Martha Salvoine "my goddaughter" xx*s.* other god children not mentioned by name vj*s.* viii*d.* each. Christ's Hospital 10li. St. Bride's Church 20*s.* Alice Cowper wife's sister 4li. to each of his apprentices 4li in money or moneys worth. Residue of goods to wife Margery, executrix, to whom the care of Anthony until his coming of age.

TRUSTEES: John Abingtone gentleman, Clerk of the Queens wood yard and John Wekes citizen and goldsmith.

WITNESSES: Richard Heywood,[2] Edward Ridge, John Hulsone.

[*P.C.C. 35. More.*]

In connection with this will the two following extracts from the records of the City of London are interesting:—

11th February 2 and 3 Ph. and Mary. [ ] Richard Grafton grocer, William Calton paynter stayner, William Dane, iremonger and Richard Payne gent, entered into recognizances to the value of 300li, to secure the payment of 279li 10*s.* 6*d.* to the orphans of Thomas Berthelet stationer deceased, Payne to bring in 100li before Midsummer and become a freeman of the city. [*Repertory 13.*]

A deed by which Richard Payne and Margery his wife formerly the wife of Thomas Berthelet, grant certain property left by Thomas Berthelet, to John Payne and Richard Heyward. [*Hustings Roll, 251. Nos. 10, 11.*]

(1). The business in Fleet Street passed into the hands of Thomas Powell.

(2). Perhaps the same with the Richard Heyward referred to in the note below.

ROBERT TOYE (1542–1556).

"The Bell," St. Paul's Churchyard.
Succeeded by Elizabeth Toye, widow.

Dated 5th February, 155$\frac{5}{6}$; Proved, 4th March, 155$\frac{5}{6}$.

Testator to be buried in St. Faith's.

BEQUESTS: To Elizabeth[1] "my wife" . . . all that my messuage or tenement wherein I now dwell, and my shoppe withe the signe of the bell nexte adioininge to Master Petitts house," with reversion to Humphrey Toye[2] "my sonne." Rose "my daughter" houses in paternoster Row and St. Paul's Churchyard. "*Item.* I wylle that the said Elizabeth my wife shall have and hold my house withe appurtenances wherein Richard Iugge now inhabiteth." "All such interest . . . as I have of and in two shoppes under one roufe nowe being in the several tenures of John Cawood and John King sett and beinge in Pawles churchyarde" to daughter Rose. "to my sister Cawverley fortie shillings." "my mother fortie shillings. "to the poor of Mortilmas Cliberie [? Mortimer Cleobury Salop][3] fourtie shillings which I will shall be distributed amongst them by the discretion of my brother Sir Edward viccar there." "Thomas Hind late servant to the Dowches of

Richmont fower pounds." Edmund Scampion "my brother" remission of debt. "To everie one of my apprentices being in my service with me at the tyme of my decease fortie shillings so that they well and truelye serve my executrix duringe the terme of their apprentice[ship]." "To the cumpanie of Stacioners fortie shillings." "My minde and will is that all my bookes and other goodes shalbe praiſed by John Cawood, Richard Iugge, Iohn Waley and Anthonie Smithe. And to thentente that they shall take paines to peruse and over looke my bookes particularlie and to praise them indifferentlie as they are in valewe, I give unto everie of them for their paines therein taking fortie shillings, And I will that my executrix shall finde them meate and drinke during all the time that they shall take paines aboute the saide praisemente." Residue divided amongst wife and children.

EXECUTRIX: Elizabeth Toye "my wife."

OVERSEERS: Humphrey Toye "my brother," and Thomas Woddall "my brother in lawe."

WITNESSES: Reinolde Woolf, John Cawood, John Waley, Anthonie Bonde.

[*P.C.C. 41. More.*]

(1). See her will in this volume.
(2). Took up his freedom, 11th March 1558. Arber. Vol. I, p. 71.
(3). This looks as if he were a Shropshire man.

WILLIAM BONHAM (1542–1557).

The King's Arms, St. Paul's Churchyard. The Red Lion, St. Paul's Churchyard.
Succeeded by William Norton.

Dated July 4th, 1557. Proved 27th September, 1557.

Testator to be buried in the parish church of All Saints, Colchester.

BEQUESTS: To Margery "wife" his lands at Cliff in Kent, and after her death to Joane or Johane daughter, wife of William Norton[1] of London, stationer. John, son, five pounds. Alice, daughter, wife of Richard Savage of London, grocer, lands and tenements in the parish of St. Olave's (?) London. John,

son, vi^{li} out of the said lands, and a further bequest of v^{li} out of the same lands. Failing heirs the property left to his two daughters, to go to Benjamin, Brother. All his plate to be equally divided amongst his sons and daughters. To his wife's daughter Phillippe Colman £13 6*s.* 8*d.* out of the money that William Norton, "payeth me yearly." To his son John xxl. from the same fund, this and all other legacies to John to cease should he attempt to dispute the will. To his wife's son Robert Mayatt £5. To his son in law Richard Savage, a bed etc. To his wife Marjery all the rest of his household goods. To the poor of Colchester liii*s.* iiii*d.* Residue of his goods to his daughters.

EXECUTRIX: Wife Marjery.

WITNESSES: Edward Freburne of London, haberdasher, Robert Glamvyle of Colchester, surgeon, Thomas Lathbroke and others.

[*P.C.C. 35. Wrastley.*]

(1). See his will in this volume. They had an only son, Bonham Norton, who became a wealthy member of the Stationers' Company.

EDWARD WHITCHURCH (*Citizen and Haberdasher*) (1538–1562).

Partner with R. Grafton in the Greyfriars.

Alone. The Sun, over against the Conduit, Fleet Street.

Dated 25th November, 1562; Proved 3rd December, 1562.

Place of burial not stated.

BEQUESTS: To Margaret "my well beloved wife,"[1] her interest in Kirkstall Abbey (co. Yorks,) and leases in Camberwell (co. Midd.). Edward "my sonne, my sealing ring to be delivered at his age of xxj yeres." (also his rightful share of the estate). Thomas Cranmer "my sonne." (? stepson) "one ringe of golde." Helen Harryson "my daughter," portion of one hundred marks. Margaret Norton, "my daughter" a ring. Elizabeth "my daughter shalbe allowed her portion as the rest of my children are." "wife's daughter" not named. "my sister Moning" one ring. "Fraunces my

daughter's son," a piece of plate. Edward Scott "my friend, v marks of the xx nobles he oweth me." Thomas Broke the elder, remission of debt. "one Henly of Kent," a creditor.

EXECUTORS: "Margaret my well beloved wife, and my sonnes (in law) Basele Johnson, Thomas Norton[2] and Luke Harryson."

OVERSEER: "my trustie and lovinge frende Anthony Gammage."

WITNESSES: Edward Scott, Richard Ode, Thomas Norton, Basill Johnson, Jerom Hutchinson. [*P.C.C. 31. Streat.*]

(1). "Whitchurch married after 1556, the widow of Archbishop Cranmer, she was Margaret, niece of Oriander, pastor of Nuremburg. She survived Whitchurch, and married on the 29th November, 1564, a third husband, Bartholomew Scott, of Camberwell, justice of the Peace for Surrey."—*Narratives of the Reformation. Camd. Soc., p. 244.*

(2). The author of "Gorbuduc" and counsel for the Company of Stationers, son in law of the testator. The reference to "wife's daughter," as distinct from "my daughter" is somewhat puzzling, but as the testator goes on to point out that he has made a good marriage for her, he was probably referring to Margaret, the wife of Thomas Norton.

ELIZABETH TOYE, WIDOW OF ROBERT TOYE (*q.v.*) (1556–1565).

"The Bell," St. Paul's Churchyard.

Dated 12th March, 156$\frac{4}{5}$. Proved 6th July, 1565.

Testator to be buried in St. Faiths.

BEQUESTS: To Elizabeth Toye and Johanne Toye the children of Humphrie Toye "my sonne," a piece of plate. Humphrey Toye, "late husbands eldest brother," a ring. Johanne Doolman, "sister," a ring. George Busshope,[1] "my servante five poundes." Erasmus Awdeley[2] "myne apprentice fortie shillings." Arthur Pepwell,[3] "sonne in law," a black gown. Humfrie Pepwell,[4] a piece of plate. Robarte, "the son of Humfrie Toye of Carmarthen," piece of plate. Johanna Taillour "my sister Caverly's maid." Helleyne Wyatte, five pounds. "Unto the compaignie and felowshipp of the mistorie of Stacioners in London, ffoure poundes for and towardes the maintenaunce of their halle." Mr. John Lewes, procurator of the Court of Arches, "an

aungell of golde." "little Margaret Walker," various household articles "in the little chamber over John Cawoodes shoope, next to Pawles gate." Residue to Humphrey Toye "my sonne."

OVERSEERS: Brother Thomas Woodall and John Cawood.

WITNESSES: Richard Iugge, John Cooke, Thomas Bedford, serjeant, Anthony Bande, scrivenor. [*P.C.C. 24. Morrison.*]

(1). Admitted freeman 16th April, 1562. Was one of the deputies to Christopher Barker. Master of the Company six times, *i.e.* in 1590, 1592, 1593, 1600, 1602, 1608. Died in 1610. See his will in this volume.

(2). Doubtless a relative of John Awdeley stationer. He does not appear to have taken up his freedom.

(3). See his will in this volume. Was no doubt one of the sons of Harry or Henry Pepwell of the Trinity in St. Paul's Churchyard.

(4). Perhaps one of the sons of Arthur Pepwell (*q.v.*).

ARTHUR PEPWELL[1] (? 1566–1568).

[? Sign of the Holy Trinity, St. Paul's Churchyard].

Dated 17th August, 1568. Proved 15th January, 156$\frac{8}{9}$.

BEQUESTS: To Johane, "my wife," a third part of goods. Henry and Humphrie, sons, a third part of goods, "and if the survivor of my said sonnes do happen to departe this present life, before he accomplishe the said age of xxi yeres, then I will that one hundredth pounds of lawfull englisshe money of the porc̃ons of my said sonnes shalbe delivered unto the company of Stacioners of London with them to remayne for ever and to be lent oute from ij yeres to ij years for ever to fyve suche persons being younge men of the same companye as shall have most nede of the occupieng thereof from tyme to tyme, the same fyve young men to have every one of them an equal parte of the same and every one of them to put in sufficient sureties for the repayment of his part at every two yeres ende then to be lent to other of the said company that that shall have more nede of the same, and every of them paieng for the occupieng thereof tenne shillings a pece yerelie and no more, which

amounteth to the some of fifty shillings yeralie, which fiftie shillings shalbe paied and distributed yerelie to the pore of the said company for ever." A further third part of his goods he allotted to the following:—"Poore of St. Faiths fortie shillings to be distributed in bread, which fortie shillings I will shalbe of the rents and proffitts of my tenements in paternoster row." Maister Bedell the preacher xxvj *s.* viij *d.* for two sermons. Julian Stevenson "my suster" six pounds. Leonard Chambers "wife's brother," student in Trinity Coll. Cambridge, four pounds. Mary Robottom,[2] "my cosen" four pounds. William Chambers, "father in law,"[3] remission of debt. "my mother in law his wife," a black cassock. "aunt Adams," "sister Newman," "aunt Turner," and "aunt Raynes," to each a black cassock. William Browne "my apprentice," x *s.*, "and I will that the said William Browne shalbe clerelie discharged and made free from the two last yeres of his apprenticeship."

EXECUTRIX: wife Johane to whom the testator devised the residue of his estate.

OVERSEERS: Reginall Wolfe; Humphrey Toye; William Norton; Gabriell Newman.

WITNESSES: Gabriell Newman and Richard Collins, servants to Andrew Palmer, scrivenor. [*P.C.C. 1. Sheffield.*]

1. This stationer is entered in the Registers as taking up his freedom on the 19th August, 1556, and again on the 8th March, 1557. As Mr. Arber points out, this must be a mistake, as he presented William Taylor as an apprentice on the 6th May, 1557. [Arber's *Transcript*, Vol. I, pp. 35, 37, 43]. Arthur Pepwell was a very disorderly member of the Company, being repeatedly fined for keeping his shop open on Sundays, and giving the officers "unsemely wordes."

(2). Was this a relative of James Rowbotham? Under the Fines for 1562–3, Pepwell is found entered for two shillings "for that he ded kepe an apprentice which was Robothums."

(3). Elizabeth Toye in her will (*q.v.*) mentions Arthur Pepwell as her "son in law." The explanation is perhaps that his first wife, the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Toye, was dead. This is strengthened by the absence of any mention of a daughter in Elizabeth Toye's will. This would also account for Humphrey Toye being nominated one of the overseers.

STEPHEN KEVALL[1] (? 1555–1570).

Lived in Billingsgate.
Succeeded by his widow, Jane Kevall.

Dated 28th October, 1570; Proved 20 April, 1571.

BEQUESTS: "I geve and bequeath and my will is that my house or tenement with thappurtenances which of late I have bought of one William Kelley citizen and butcher of London as appereth by certen writings thereof made, standinge and beinge nere the tenement that I nowe dwell in after the decease of my wife Jane Kevall shallbe given and distributed vnto the poore. That ys to say the one halfe and the profits thereof vnto the poore of the said parish of St. Mary at Hill for ever, and the other half of the said tenement and the profitt thereof vnto the poore of my Company the Stacyoners of London for ever. But if it should fortune that my said wyfe Jane Kevall should have need and necessity before her decease That then in such case I will that the said Jane my wyfe shall and may sell all the said house or tenement with the appurtenances at her pleasure for his owne mayntenaunce and behoofe." "Vnto my said companie of Stacyoners of London towards a recreation," xx s. In the event of wife marrying again, but not otherwise, certain legacies were to be paid, amongst which were Margaret Kevall, sister. George Kevall, notary.

EXECUTRIX: wife Jane.

OVERSEERS: George Kevall and Hugh Woodcock.

WITNESSES: Richard Saunderson vintner and Hubard Sevyon notary.

[*P.C.C. 17. Holney.*]

(1). Master of the Company of Stationers, 1560, 1565. Except in his official capacity, his name never occurs in the registers, and so it happens that though he was a bookseller in London for some years, his name does not appear amongst the 887 names printed by Mr. Arber in his fifth volume. The following entries in the registers refer to his bequest:—

Abstract from the "accoumpte" of Richard Watkins and Frauncis Coldock wardens (1580-1581):—

"*Item* paide to Hugh Woodcock, Salter towarde his Chardges in Lawe aboute mistress kevalles howzes in his tyme. iij^{li} xiij^{s} iiii^{d}."

Arber's *Transcript*, Vol. I, p. 491.

Other entries relating to him will be found at p. 554 in the same volume.

The bequest did not come into the hands of the Company till the death of Jane Kevall, the widow, in 1573.

"REYNER," "REIGNALD" OR REGINALD WOLFE (1542–1573).

Brazen Serpent. St. Paul's Churchyard.

Succeeded by his widow, Johan Wolfe.

Dated [ ]. Proved 9th January 157$\frac{3}{4}$.[1]

BEQUESTS: "I give and bequeath unto Jone my wellbeloved wife the purchase of the kinge, called the Chappell, and the house that Luke Harrison nowe dwelleth in, and the house Mr. Couldock dwelleth in, thereunto belonging." "I give to my wife all my leases which I hold of Powles Churche as appeareth by the leases." "All the rest of my goods to be distributed to my children, according to the custom of the citie of London."

WITNESSES: George Bishoppe, Raphael Holingshed, and me "John Hunn, and me John Shepperd." [*P.C.C. 1. Martyn.*]

(1). See the will of Joan Wolfe in this volume.

JOHANNE WOOLFE (WIDOW) (Jan. 1574–July 1574).

Brazen Serpent, St. Paul's Churchyard.

Succeeded by John Sheppard.

Dated 1st July, 1574; Proved 20th July, 1574.

Testator to be buried in St. Faith's church.

BEQUESTS: "Unto my sonne Robert Woolffe[1] and to my sonne in lawe John Hun citizen and haberdasher of London,[2] all and singular such whole ynterest estate, right tytle leace and leaces proprietie tearme and tearmes of yeres to come and unexpired use, possession and demaunde, as I the saide Johan Woolffe as adminystratrix vnto the said Reginalde Wolffe or otherwise have or ought to have of and in all that tenement with thappurtenances

called or knowen by the signe of the Brasen Sarpent now in the teanure and occupacon of me the saide Johan Woolffe scituate in Pawles churche yarde in the parrish of Sainte faithe in London aforesaide, and of and in all and singular other Tenements yardes and Romes with their appurtenances scituate in Pawles church yarde aforesaide whiche I the saide Johan am now lawfully intituled unto and am possessed of as admynystratrix vnto my late husbande Reginalde Woolffe. And also all the presses, letters, furniture coppies and other necessarie instruments and tooles being with in my prynting howse or belonging vnto the same for concerning or belonging to the arte of prynting. And also all the books whatsoever being in my shoppe; my saide dwelling howse or ellswheare and all other my Implements of howsholde . . . remayning or being within my saide dwelling howse called the Brason Sarpente." Henry Woolffe, son, annuity of sixteen pounds, "Provided alwaies . . . that if the saide Henry doo not applie his studdye at the unyversitie, but shall surcease and clerelye leave and give over his studdye theare. That then . . . yt shalbe lawfull to and for the saide Robert Wolfe and John Hun to abate, retaine and deducte in their own handes owte of the saide anuetie . . . the some of six pounds . . ." Susan Hun daughter "wife of the said John Hun" annuity of ten pounds, with reversion to her children. Elizabeth Nevenson daughter, "wife of Steven Nevenson, doctoure of the Civil lawe," annuity of six pounds during her husbands life time and ten pounds per annum after his death. Magdalene Rigthorne "my sister Harpers daughter, whiche Magdalene is dyseased in her eies," annuity of twenty shillings. "*Item* I will that Raphaell Hollingeshed shall have and enjoye all suche benefit proffit and commoditie as was promised vnto him by my saide late husbande Reginalde Wolffe for or concerning the translating and prynting of a certaine Crownacle whiche my saide husbande before his decease did prepare and intende to have printed."[3] "*Item*, I will that if my Executours shalbe mynded to let owte the shoppe belonging to the saide Tenement called the brason Sarpent and the stocke thearto belonging, That then John Shepparde my servaunt shall have the preferment to have the same before any other person doing therefore as an other will in plaine dealinge

with owte fraud or coven."[4] "Garret Wolf brother of my saide late husband . . . Tenne poundes." "unto the children of my cossein Joseph dwelling in Southewerke," plate. "vnto my said sister Harper fortie shillings." Mary Harrison daughter, the wife of John Harrison cytezin and Stacyoner of London,[5] goods. Reginald Harrison sonne of the said John Harrison, Johan Harrison daughter of the saide John Harrison, plate. Luke Harrison "cytezin and Stacioner of London," a gown. William Chambers cytezin and haberdasher, a gown. Johan Edwards "my cossein my ringe of golde with a harte Rubie in yt and to her daughter Johan Clayton my mowrning gowne." Johan Hun daughter of the said John Hun forty pounds with reversion to other children. Sara Harrison daughter. "to every one of my apprentices and other mens servauntes fortye shillings . . . a pece to be paide unto the same apprentices severally at the eande of their severall apprenticeships." "*Item* my will and minde is that the saide Robert Woolffe and John Hun by the advice and consent of the overseers of this my will and testament shall let owte such partes of my said dwelling howse as they shall thinke good and three bedds with convenient furniture for the same and the shoppe of the same howse and the wares thearin and the prynting howse aforesaide with all the presses furnyture Instruments Tooles and necessaries thereof towarde the raising and making of the annuities aforesaide, or . . . they may use and occupie the premisses last mencyoned themselfs . . ." "The residue of all and singuler my goods chattalls reddy money, Jewells and plate whatsoever (after my detts paide my funeralls discharged and my legacies satisfied) I wholy give and bequeathe to the said Robert Wolfe and John Hun whiche saide Robert Wolfe and John Hun I make and ordain executours of this my last will and testament."

"And as touching the disposing of all that chappell in Pawles churche yarde aforesaide and of all the tenements and shoppes and other Rowmes thearunto adioyning or belonging with all and singular their appurtenaunces whereof I now stonde seised in my demesne as of fee to my owne use[6] I make and ordaine this my laste will thearof . . . I give bequeathe graunt and demise vnto the saide John Hun all that shoppe in Pawles churche yarde

aforesaide being parcell of the saide Chappell and now being in the teanure and occupation of the same John Hun . . . unto the ende and terme of fortie yeres . . . paying therefore yerelie . . . fortie shillings. *Item* I will that the saide Luke Harrison and his wife whiche he now hathe shall have and holde to them and either of them during their severall lives all that tenement, shoppe rowmes and partes and parcells of the saide Chappell whiche they now hold and occupie" etc.[7] *Item* I will that Frauncis Coldocke Cytezin and stacyoner of London his executors and assigns shall have holde occupie and enioye all that Tenement and Rowmes adioyning or belonging to the said chappell nowe being in the occupacon of the same Frauncis by vertue of a leace . . . from the ende . . . of the saide leace . . . vnto thende and tearme of Twenty yeres from thence next followyng . . . yelding and paying therefore yearlie during the same tearme of Twentye yeres . . . suche yerelie rente as is reserved in his saide former leace" etc.[8] "Vnto the saide Robert Woolffe my sonne all the saide Chappell howses etc." with reversion to his brother Henry, and to Reginald Hun the son of John Hun etc. the entail thus created not to be sold. "To the poore children of the hospitall forty shillings to the poore of this parrish of Sainte Faithe and ellswheare forty shillings." "sister Coale to have xx *s.* in money etc. "Mistress Coston, Mistress Upton, Mistress Holder and Mistress Draper," five shillings a piece. "Mother Gyles" two shillings a week. Thomas Harrison "son in law" a piece of plate.

OVERSEERS: Stephen Nevenson and John Harrison, sons in law.

WITNESSES: "Richarde Henton, Gabriell Cawood, Rico Colins scrivenor."

[*P.C.C. 32. Martyn.*]

(1). No person of this name is anywhere mentioned in the Registers of the Company, but on the 17th of May, 1565, there is an entry recording the freedom of "Reginolde Wolfe the younger." I do not think this refers to the Robert Wolfe mentioned in the will, but to another son who had probably died in the interim.

(2). Mr. Arber mentions a person of this name as publishing in 1577 (*Transcript*, Vol. V, xcv.) but he has not traced any book, and I venture to think there is a mistake somewhere.

(3). The first edition of Holinshed's *Chronicle* appeared in 1577. He explains in his "Preface" that the work had grown to such magnitude that the executors of the will of Johan Wolfe were alarmed at the probable cost of printing the work, and it was decided to issue the smaller parts first. The work was printed by John Harrison the Elder.

(4). Shepperd evidently accepted this offer and printed from this address during the years 1576–1577, after which he disappears and no more is heard of the Brazen Serpent until 1581, when it is found in the hands of Richard Vernon.–Arber's *Transcript*, Vol. V, pp. 102–123.

(5). Then carrying on business at the White Greyhound in St. Paul's Churchyard.

(6). This was the chapel over the Charnel house on the N. side of the Cathedral which Reginalde Wolfe had purchased of the King, and from which he removed a thousand cartloads of bones. Stow says: "The Chappell and Charnel were converted into dwelling houses, warehouses and sheds for stationers, builded before it in place of the tombes."

(7). The sign of the "Crane."

(8). The sign of the "Green Dragon."

Among the archives of St. Paul's Cathedral is a document by which William Juxon, Bishop of London in 1638, demised to Elizabeth, relict of Thomas Adams, citizen and stationer of London, two messuages with three shops in the great churchyard of the cathedral church, on the north side of the church, "adjoyninge to a house there sometimes called the Charnell house on the east part," one of which messuages is known by the name of the sign of the Parrott and Angell and the other by the name of the sign of "the King's Heade" January 20. 13 Chas I. *Hist. Mans. Comm.*, 9th Report, App. p. 52a.

JOHN AWDELIE OR AWDLEY (1559?–1575).[1]

In Little Britain Street, by Great St. Bartholomews without Aldersgate.

Dated 22nd June, 1575. Proved 16th September, 1575.

BEQUESTS: Elizabeth Awdley, wife, lease of houses in Greene's Alley, Westminster and all temporal goods. Sampson Awdley "my sonne." Joan, daughter, five poundes; Rachel daughter five poundes; Mary Simpson daughter fortie shillings; Agnes daughter five poundes and Elizabeth daughter, five poundes. "Also I bequeath unto the said my sonne Sampson Awdley and John Simson my sonne in lawe my workehowse of printinge to be equally praised and devided between them, but the same workehowse to remaine in my wyves hand and disposition till she shall see the one of them able to rule and occupy it." "The residewe of my goodes as wares, copies, and other thinges . . . I give wholly unto my said wiefe Elizabeth making her . . . my sole executrix."

OVERSEERS: Anthony Kitson draper, and Brian Dodmor gent.

WITNESSES: Thomas Uby, Robert right (*sic*) Robert Ivie.

[*P.C.C. 35. Pickering.*]

(1). The younger son of Sampson Awdelie, verger of Westminster Abbey, whose will was proved in the Commissary of London, 12th January, 1559.

RICHARD JUGGE (1547–1577).

Sign of the Bible in Paul's Churchyard till 1573, when he removed to Newgate Market next unto Christ's Church.
Succeeded by Miles Jennings.

Dated 17th August, 1577. Proved 23rd October, 1577.

BEQUESTS: To Johan "my wief" a third part of goods. Children (not named) unmarried, a third part. "Richard Watkins, sonne in lawe citizen and Stacioner of London all my oulde goulde and silver of forraine coine and of any other coine whatsoever being in a box in my comptinge howse." "unto the Mr ffellowes and Scollers of Kings Colledge in Cambridge the valewe of tenne poundes in bookes. "Christs Hospital ffortie shillings, St. Bartholomews and St. Thomas's hospitals, twenty shillings a pece." "I will that there shalbe distributed xx*s*. amongst the poore parsons of the parrish of Christes church where I dwell." "each of my two apprentices William White and Richard Reade shall have twentie shillinges a pece at the ende of their prentishipps.[1] "Heline my wife's sister, twentie shillings." "Elizabeth Symons, my daughter."

EXECUTRIX: Johan wife.

OVERSEERS: "my verie ffrendes John Wyght, Draper and William Norton stationer."

WITNESSES: Thomas Gatacre, Edward Layfeld, Richard Collins scrivenor.

Codicil dated 18th August, 1577. "I give and bequeath vnto my sonne, John Jugge, tenne shillinges And to my daughter Anne, tenne shillings / *Item* I give and bequeath to Mr. Gaddaker and Mr. Layfeld preachers Tenne groates a pece."

WITNESSES: Richo Collins, Scr., Richard Watkins, Nicholas Cowp[er].

[*P.C.C. 40. Daughtrey.*]

(1). William White was made free on the 10th April, 1583, by Mistres Iugge, and worked as a publisher from 1588 to 1623; Richard Reade was made free on the 18th January, 1580, and is found printing and publishing until 1603.—Arber's *Transcript*, Vol. 5, p. 261, etc.

ANTHONY KYTSON OR KITSON, *Draper* (1549–1578).

"Sun" in St. Paul's Churchyard.
Succeeded by his son Abraham Kitson.

Dated 5th September, 1577. Proved 12th July, 1578.

Testator to be buried in parish church of St. Faith beside his first wife Margaret.

BEQUESTS: To Abraham Kytson, "my eldest sonne," lands and tenements in St. Pauls Churchyard, Wood Street and Fleet Street, out of the revenues of which he was to pay legacies. Thomas Kytson, "my second sonne," remainder of above property and one hundred and forty pounds. Agnes "my daughter," reversion of above property. Ann Kytson "my daughter," one hundred pounds. John "my youngest sonne by Mary my last wife," twenty pounds. Sara, "my cosin," twenty pounds. Mr. Wight and wife,[1] Mr. Mills and wife,[2] Mr. Flaskett and wife,[3] Mr. Wilson and wife,[4] Mr. Veale and wife,[5] cloth to each for a mourning gown. Roger and Gregory "my boyes, my apprentizes."

EXECUTOR: son Abraham.

OVERSEERS: Leonard Mills and Mr. Flaskett, citizen and haberdasher.

WITNESSES: Robert Wheathill, John Wyght, by me Thomas Kyttsonn, by me Abraham Veale, by me Richard Rastall.[6] [*P.C.C. 31. Langley.*]

Preceding the probate clause is entered a protest by Abraham Kitson, to the effect that the property in Fleet street, etc., was entailed to him, and that his father had no power to saddle them with the legacies, and therefore he refuses to carry out this part of his father's will.

(1). John Wyght, one of the witnesses to the will, also a draper and stationer, living at the sign of the "Rose" in St. Paul's Churchyard. See his will in this volume.

(2). Leonard Mills, who was appointed one of the overseers. It is not clear whether he was a stationer. His name only occurs once in Arber's *Transcript* (Vol. I, p. 445). Under "Rentes belonging to ye howse" is entered "Recevyd of Leonerd Mylles for a hole yeres Rent Due at our lady Day [25th March, 1571]. xxvj*s.* viii*d.*"

(3). No doubt the same person who is styled "citizen and haberdasher" a few lines below. He was perhaps father of John Flaskett, stationer.

(4). Several Wilsons occur in the Registers.

(5). No doubt Abraham Veale, one of the witnesses, also a draper and stationer, who carried on business at the Lamb in St. Paul's Churchyard.

(6). Was this a descendant of John and William Rastell?

JOHN WALEY OR WALLEY[1] (1546–1586).

The Harts Horn, Foster Lane.
Succeeded by his son Robert Walley.

Dated 8th December, 1585. Proved 28th April, 1586.

BEQUESTS: "To my poor scholler Thomas Hamond in Oxford five poundes a yere for foure yeres after the date hereof." Annys [*i.e.*, Agnes] "my wife" residue of estate. Robert Walley "my sonne" reversion of residue, etc.[2] Henry Walley "my sonnes sonne." "To all my childrens children as they come to age three poundes a piece, to be paide out of my house in ffoster lane." Francis Nuberry,[3] John Thomas my godson,[4] and Mary Walley, to each a piece of plate. Henry Hammondes children, Henry, Robert and Lionell twenty shillings a piece. Dorothy Pister "my daughter Thamesius daughter." Thomas Gubbins, "my servante."

EXECUTRIX: wife Agnes.

OVERSEERS: Ralph Nuberry and John Thomas.

WITNESSES: Ralph Nuberry and John Thomas. [*P.C.C. 21. Windsor.*]

(1). This will is peculiar in many ways. The testator did not state the nature of his business, nor in what part of London he lived, nor the name of the Company to which he belonged.

(2). Robert Walley had been in business as a stationer since 1576, although he did not become a Freeman of the Company until 1585. As his place of business is unknown at that time, he was perhaps in partnership with his father.

(3). The son of Ralph Newberry, stationer.

(4). Mr. Arber only mentions one stationer of this name in his list of London publishers (*Transcript*, Vol. V, pp. lxxxi, etc.) and gives his period as 1637, but the John Thomas mentioned in this will was publishing according to the register (see *Transcript*, Vol. II, p. 111) in 1582. As he was not long out of his time, he may have been alive in 1637.

THOMAS VAUTROLLIER (1566–1587).

Blackfriars.

Succeeded by his widow, Jacqueline, who afterwards married Richard Field.

Dated 10th July, 1587. Proved 22nd July, 1587.

Born in the towne of Troyes in Champain in France. Now resident in London.

BEQUESTS: "To the French church in London, three pounds. Peter Dorange "my neighbour," two pounds. Magdalene Basile "my servant my gowne and my red Wastcoate and two shillings and sixpence sterling." Claude Vautrollier, "brother," three pounds. Anthonette Vautrollier, "sister," two pounds. Phillibert Vautrollier, "nephew," twenty shillings. James Vautrollier, "brother," two pounds. Simeon Vautrollier, "son, That peece of golde of the kinge of Skotlande weyinge aboute ten crownes of the same his parte and portion of the partition of goods. Manasse, "son, the printinge press which I brought back againe from Scotland furnished with all her appurtenaunces that is to saye with fower Chassis, and three Ffrisketts, two timpanes and a Copper plate. With a copper marbell and other smale tooles and instrumentes. "All my ensamples in woode the which I have printed and also others that were not as yet printed together also two bookes of pictures or figures, viz: *Simbola Heroica* and one other the Theater of the Good Engms, for the sum of thirty pounds." Iacqueline[1] "my wiefe and to my fower children, viz Simeon Manasse, Thomas and James," residue of goods to be divided according to the custom of the city of London into three parts one to the wife and the other two to the children, "whether it be marchaundize or books, paper, movables or money, lykewyse my printinge wholy furnished with presses letters caracters of cast mettell, and the mattrices." Reversion of above bequests to brethren and sisters beyond the seas.

EXECUTORS: Bastien Bonfoy[2] and Frauncis Bonier[3].

OVERSEER: James Duthit.

WITNESSES: Ascanius de Renyalme[4] Peter Bonevall.

At the foot is this clause:—Ex Gallicam in Anglicam linguam conuersum et inuentu[m] substantialiter concordare per me Notarium subsignatu[m] Londini comorantem Actam Londini hoc die xix mensis Julij Año Dm̄ 1587. D. Le Blancq nots pubcus, 1587.

[*Commissary of London.* 1587. fol. 99 verso.]

(1.) It will be seen from this that Vautrollier had no daughter, and that the "Jaklin" whom R. Field married was the widow.

(2). A featherdresser living in Blackfriars. d. 1594. His will is in the P.C.C. 8. Dixy.

(3). See also the will of Astanius de Reinalme in this series.

(4). See his will in this series.

JOHN JUDSON (1558–1590).

His place of business unknown.

Dated 4th May, 1588. Proved 18th March, 158$\frac{8}{9}$.

BEQUESTS: To Richard Judsonne "my sonne." Thomas Judsonne "my sonne."[1] Alice Judson "my wellbeloved wife my stock of money which is in the handes of the Stationers for partnershippe, either to receive it, or the profitt of it during the time of her natural life, and after her decease my will is that the saide stocke of money shall come to my sonne Thomas by the appointment of my foresaide wyfe." William Jones[2] "my servant" ten shillings. Thomas Leeke[3] "my servant" to be paide to him at end of his prenticeshipp ten shillings." John Shawe[4] "my servant" to be paid to him at the end of his prenticeshipp ten shillings." Gualter "my cosyn to be paide to him at the end of his prenticeshipp, tenne shillings." Residue to wife Alice, executrix.

OVERSEERS: sons Richard and Thomas, and Mr. Kelsick.

WITNESSES: William Kelsicke, John Slye.

[*P.C.C. 33. Leicester.*]

(1). Made free of Company, 16th January, 1581.

(2). Made free 19th October, 1587. Arber. *Transcripts*, Vol. II, p. 701.

(3). Thomas Leeke, admitted on the last day of September, 1594.

(4). Was apprenticed on the 1st May, 1588, for nine years. Does not appear to have taken up his freedom.

JOHN WIGHT, *Draper* (1551–1589).

The Rose, St. Paul's Churchyard.
Succeeded by his son, Thomas Wight.

Dated 25th May, 1589. Proved 16th July, 1589.

Testator to be buried in St. Faith's.

BEQUESTS: "To Company of Drapers five poundes towardes a diner." To the poor of Flamsted co. Herts, "twentie poundes." To the poor of Cuddington, co. Bedds. "five poundes." "fortie shillinges in money, to and amonge the pore men of the company of stationers in London." William Botheway cousin, "twentie poundes." Thomas Preston, cousin, house and "wicke" in Tyme Lane near Market Street, Flamsted. Michael Preston, cousin, house in parish of St. Michaels, in the town of St. Albans. Humfry Osmonde cousin. Alice Smith, "cousin, the millers wife of Redborne." "Gostwick's wife, twentie shillings." Grace Flaskett daughter of Thomas Flaskett,[1] sixty pounds. John Wilson, son of Henry Wilson, "sonne in lawe," for his better exhibition and maintenuance at the University, "twelve poundes yearly for four years. Mistress Strange widow. Mistress Cooke widow "who sometime dwelt in St. Nicholas Lane." Samuell Shorte,[2] "to the value of fortie shillings in unbound books." John Bayly,[3] "to the value of fortie shillings in unbound books." Agnes Hinde "my servaunte, fortie shillings." Sara Draper, "twentie shillings." William Payne, "my tenaunt," five shillings." To my tenaunt which now dwelleth in the house besides Tyme Lane in Market (*sic*) within the said parish of Flamsted five shillings in money." To the poore of St. Faiths, "wheare I now dwell fortie shillings in money." "I do forgive Thomas Flaskett, my sonne in lawe, all that he doth owe vnto me (whiche is a good sum of money) so that he do discharge me, my executors and administrators of the bonds that I am bound in for him to one John

Wouters the duche man." Katherine "my dawghter," wife to Thomas Flaskett. Anne Wilson "my dawghter, three tenements in Southwark, lately bought of Thomas Flaskett." Martha Mylls "my dawghter wife of Leonard Mylls, and her children (not named)."[4]

EXECUTOR: Thomas Wighte "my sonne."[5]

OVERSEER: Leonard Mylls, "sonne in lawe."

WITNESSES: Abraham Veale,[6] William Young,[7] Robert Androwes, scrivenor.

On the 1st November, 1609, a commission was issued to Jocosa Wight, widow of Thomas Wight, to administer this will during the minority of Gabriel, Thomas and Lucy, natural children of Thomas Wight.

[*P.C.C. 63. Leicester.*]

(1). This was doubtless a relative of John Flaskett, stationer, who was publishing in London between 1594 and 1613.

(2). If this was one of his apprentices, he never came on the livery or took up the trade of a bookseller.

(3). "John Baylie sworne and admitted a freman of this companie by translation from the company of Drapers to this company accordinge to the orders of the citie." 25th June, 1600. Arber's *Transcript*, Vol. II, p. 726. On the next page we read that he was admitted by John Newbery, to whom perhaps he was transferred on the death of John Wight.

(4). In Arber's *Transcript* (Vol. I, p. 445) is the following entry "Recevyd of Leonard Mylles for a hole yeres Rent due at our Lady Day [25th March, 1571] xxvj*s.* viij*d.*

(5). There is no entry of his apprenticeship or freedom in the registers of the Stationers' Company. He published from 1590 to 1608.

(6). A member of the Drapers' Company who carried on business as a printer and publisher at the sign of the Lamb in St. Paul's Churchyard from 1548 to 1589.

(7). This was perhaps the publisher found in partnership with Ralph Jackson at this time.

WILLIAM NORTON (1561–1593).

King's Arms, St. Paul's Churchyard, afterwards the Queen's Arms.
Succeeded by his son, Bonham Norton.

Dated 27th August, 1593. Proved, 1st January, 159$\frac{3}{4}$.

Testator to be buried in St. Faith's.

BEQUESTS: Goods etc., divided into three parts. Johan "my wel belouved wife," a third part.[1] Bonham Norton "my sonne" a third part.[2] "William

and Thomas "sonnes of my sonne Bonham Norton" one hundred poundes a piece. Edward and George Norton "my twoe brethren fower poundes a piece." "John Norton, sonne of my sayed brother Edward twentie poundes" and to his other children four pounds a piece.[3] Richard Norton, "sonne of my brother Richard Norton ten poundes over and above that somme of tenne poundes which I have of his in my handes." Alice Hewet, "sister in lawe, fortie shillings . . . and . . . to everie of her children . . . twentie shillings." "three score and sixe gownes of convenient clothe," to such poor freemen of the company of Stationers who attended his burial. "I give and bequeathe to so many schollers as have gonne out of Christ's Hospitall to either of the Vniversities of Oxon and Cambridge synce the yere of oure Lord god one thousand fyve hundred eightie twoe and shall follow their learninge and shall not be beneficed or otherwise promoted out of the universities at the tyme of my decease every of them bookes to the value of twentie shillings a peece suche as themselves shall best like of." "I bequeathe to the Liverie of the Companye of Stacyoners whereof I am a member towardes a recreation or drinkinge to be had amongest them at their pleasure fortie shillinges." "To every apprentise man servaunte and mayde servaunte within my howse which shall dwell with me at the tyme of my Decease fortie shillinges a peece to be payed to the Apprentices at the severall endes of theire apprentishippes and to the other menservauntes and maydeservauntes, when theire severall covenauntes shalbe expired." "I give and bequeathe vnto the parish of Cliffe in the Countie of Kent, the parishes of Onyburie, Cleoburie Mortimer, and Stotterden als Stotesden in the countie of Salop., the towne of Ludlowe in the same county, the parishe of Ludford nere the sayed towne of Ludlowe, the parishes of Sainct Mary Matfellon als Whitechappell and Sainct Leonardes in Bromley in the Countie of Midd and to the parishe of Saincte Sepulchre without Newgate of London, every of them fortie shillinges a peece to be distributed at the discretion of myne overseers." "To the children of Laurence Melborne late of London cowper, deceased and the survivors and survivor of them all that my lease, righte, estate, terme of yeres and interest whiche I have in those tenementes and houses heretofore demised

and letten vnto me by Richard Colwell scituate behinde Ste Nicholas Fleshe shambles in London, so allwayes as myne executor within one monethe next after my decease be fullie satisfied and contented of and for all somme and sommes of money to me due or to be due by the saied Laurence Melborne Margery his late wyfe and Edward Davyes Cowper or any of them." Residue to Bonham Norton "my sonne."

"I have already assured my Mannors, landes and tenementes in the county of Salop in suche sorte as that after my decease the same ys to remayne to my sonne Bonham Norton and to his heires for ever. And I do leave my messuages landes tenementes and hereditamentes in the counties of Midd and Kent to descend to him and other my heirs according to the lawes of this realme . . ." Lands called Grant's Alley, Beare Alley or Godfreys Alley "which I late purchased and bought of Oliver Godfrey gent." to the Governors of Christ's Hospital for ever subject to the payment out of the revenues of a sum of six pounds thirteen shillings and fourpence annually to the Master and Wardens of the Company of Stationers of which sum the Company was to lend six poundes to such young man or poor man of the Company as had need of it for three years and so on from three years to three years for ever. The balance thirteen shillings and fourpence was to be divided in the following way:—The Master of the Stationers company three shillings and fourpence, each of the two wardens three shillings and fourpence a piece and twenty pence a piece to the clerk and beadle of the company. A further sum of six pounds, thirteen shillings and fourpence annually, was to be paid to the churchwardens of the parish of Onybury co. Salop, and of this sum six pounds six shillings and eightpence was to be paid to the Schoolmaster or when there should not happen to be a schoolmaster, to be divided among the parents and inhabitants of the parish of Onybury, having children at school, the six and eightpence remaining over to be retained by the churchwardens. In the event of the buildings falling into decay, the Governors of Christ's Hospital were to rebuild them and in order to recoup themselves they were at liberty to stop paying these annuities for a certain time, etc., etc.

EXECUTOR: Bonham Norton.

OVERSEERS: Brother George Norton, "and my lovinge friend and neighbour Richard Watkynnes."[4]

WITNESSES: Richarde Wrighte scr., Edmond Wattes, John Hodgetts, Ralph Iackson, William Young. [*P.C.C. 8. Dixy.*]

(1). The daughter of William Bonham, stationer (*q.v.*)

(2). Bonham Norton was made free of the Stationers' Company on 4th February, 1593-4, and rapidly became one of the richest and most important men in the city of London, but his character as revealed in his dealings with Robert Barker and John Norton, was not a high one. He was in partnership for some time with John Norton, who made a will wholly in his favour. This will was afterwards disputed by John Norton's nephew, who declared that Bonham Norton exerted undue influence to procure it. Bonham Norton subsequently shared with Robert Barker the office of King's Printer, which he ultimately got into his own hands. He then took John Bill as partner. A long law suit resulted, the upshot of which was that Robert Barker recovered the office, and Bonham Norton was tried before the Star Chamber court for libelling the Lord Keeper, and condemned to fine and imprisonment. He died in 1635, but whether he was then in prison is not known. He left no will, administration of his estate being granted to his widow. Bonham Norton married Jane, the daughter of Thomas Owen of Condover, Shropshire, one of the judges of the Court of Common Pleas. He was Master of the Company in 1613, 1626, 1629.

(3). According to the entry in the Registers, the John Norton who became a stationer was the son of Richard Norton, of the parish of Billingsley, in the county of Salop. (Vol. II, p. 82). As John Norton in his will (*q.v.*) also mentions his brother Richard deceased, it is almost certain that the name John Norton here mentioned was not the stationer of that name, who was one of the sons of Richard Norton mentioned in the next paragraph. In any case, this will proves that John Norton the stationer was a nephew and not a cousin of William Norton, as stated by Mr. Arber.

(4). "Richard Watkins, stationer, was presented as an Apprentice in October, 1556, and was made free 27th April, 1557. He became Master of the Company in 1589 and 1594. He held with James Roberts the patent for printing almanacs. He is believed to have lived at the sign of Love and Death in St. Paul's Churchyard."—[Arber's *Transcripts*, Vol. I, p. 37 *et. seq.*]

RICHARD TOTTELL OR TOTHILL[1] (1552–1593).

Hand and Star in Fleet Street.

INQUISITION held at Buckingham in the County of Buckingham on the 21st March 36 Eliz (1594) before Walter Curzon. Ar. Peter Palmer ar. and Robert Spencer, ar. escheator of the county aforesaid by virtue of a commission

from the king, etc., etc. The jury find that the said Richard Tottell was seized of the manor of Wedon Hill and divers lands in Wedon Hill, Chessham, Amersham, and Little Missenden, and of the manor or farm of Mantell or Mantells, with its appurtenances in Little Missenden aforesaid, and of divers lands and tenements situated in Wendover, And of the farm called Brasiers End with appurtenances in Cholsbury Bucklands in the said county of Bucks. As well as in the manor of Lapflod with appurtenances in Brideford [*i.e.* Bideford] co. Devon. And of a capital messuage called Greenlinch with appurtenances in Silverton in co. Devon and of divers houses and cellars in the town of Topsham in the said county of Devon. As well as of one messuage formerly divided in two, situated in Fleet Street formerly in the occupation of William Tothill, all which property he by virtue of an agreement made 29 August 34 Eliz. (1592) he made over to William Kindesly of London, and William Tothill for the use of William Tothill and his heirs for ever. Richard Tothill died 1st September 35 Eliz. (1593) at Wiston in co. Pembroke. The jury find that the lands in Wedon Hill and Amersham were held by Richard Tothill of Carye. Ar. as of his castle of Berkhampstead, in free socage. The land in little Missenden of Peter Palmer gen., by grant of Edward Earl of Oxford as part of his manor of Whitchurch in the aforesaid county of Bucks but for what service the jury could not say and that the residue of the manors of Wedon Hill, Chesham and Little Missenden were held by Richard Tothill of Milone Sands ar., as of his manor of Chesham Higham, in the said county, but for what service the jury were ignorant. The said manor of Wedon Hill, premises in Wedon Hill, Chesham, Amersham and Little Missenden were of a total value of 13*li* 6*s*. 8*d*. That the aforesaid manor of Mantells was held of the Queen for great serjeantry that is to say to act as naparius at her coronation and its value was about 5*li* a year. The lands and premises in Wendover were held of William Hawtry ar, as of his manor of Wendover in free socage, and its clear yearly value was 20 shillings. The farm of Brasiers End was also held for the performance of some service but the jury are unable to say what, its value was 20*s*. The Manor of Lapflod in co. Devon was held of Richard Champernowne. Its value was 33*s*. 4*d*. The capital

messuage of Greenlinch was held of Richard Hales ar, as of his manor of Kenydon in co. Devon but for what service the jury could not say and its clear yearly value was 20*s*. The houses and cellars in Topsham were held of Anna Countess of Warwick as of her manor of Topsham in free socage and their clear yearly value was five shillings. The messuages in Fleet Street were held of the Queen for a part of a knights fee and were valued at four pounds per annum. The jurors finally say that William Tothill was son and heir of the said Richard Tothill and at the time of his death was aged thirty three years and upwards. [*Ing. P. M. Eliz. Vol. 240. No. 18.*]

(1.) As no will of this eminent printer can be traced, the above Inquisition, which shows the extent and whereabouts of his property, is substituted.

ASTANIUS DE REINALME[1] (1580?–1600).

Blackfriars.

Dated 29th February, 1599 [*i.e.*, 1600]. Proved 10th March, 1599 [*i.e.*, 1600].

BEQUESTS: French congregation, "tenn poundes." Dutch congregation, five pounds. Jonas de Reinalme "my brother, tenn poundes." "sister Groll dwellinge nere Wormes in Germanie, tenn poundes." James Rime "my wife's sonne," one hundred pounds. Francis Bonner [Bonier] "brother in lawe" and Lucy Bonner his wife. Hester Burie, "sister in lawe." Elizabeth Bonner or Bonier, Zeth Locharde, Aron Chevalier, John Bonner or Bonier, James Burie, Peter de Quesie, — Vanderbergh, Marie Henson, Hester Bishopp, Sara Clownes, godchildren. "I give and bequeath to the Companie of the Stationers in London, as a token of my goodwill beinge a brother of the said companie a piece of plate to the value of ffive poundes." Robert Goodwin, George Bishopp, Bonham Norton, John Norton, John Dollins, Owen Locharde, Edward Lea, Francis Henson, — Neale, "wellbeloved friends and neighbours," to each a ring. "To my servaunt Adrian Marvie, the some of tenn poundes, vppon condition that he continue with my wife the full terme of such yeares as he hath latelie contracted with me in writinge, at the same wages as by the said contract he is to have of me by the yeare." Richard

Williams and Levin de Munck the house at Blackfriars "wherein I now do dwell," and another adjoining it bought of Francis Bonner or Bonier, as well as a house near Newgate Market.

OVERSEERS: John Castoll, Richard Williams, John de Quesie, Levin de Muncke.

EXECUTRIX: Elizabeth de Reinalme wife.

WITNESSES: Edward Lea, Gedeon de Lanne. [*P.C.C. 17. Wallopp.*]

(1). This was the bookseller who was allowed by royal warrant to import books. Mr. Arber has confused him with Yetsweirt, the law stationer.

FRANCIS COLDOCK (1561–1603).[1]

Lombard Street, over against the Cardinalls Hat.
Green Dragon, St. Paul's Churchyard.

Dated 3rd September, 1602. Proved 1st February, 160$\frac{2}{3}$.

BEQUESTS: "All such debtes dueties and sommes of money as in righte and in conscience I doe and shall owe to anie person or persons shall be truelie answered and paied . . . and namelie that somme of fiftie and two poundes of lawfull money of England which is yet in my handes, and whiche somme with the somme of fortie and eight poundes more in money that my sonne in lawe William Ponsonby[2] hath heretofore had and received of me dothe extend and make up the full somme of one hundred poundes, as in full satisfac͝on and payment of that hundred poundes, as the porc͝on and marriage money which I promised to him . . . with my daughter Joane nowe his wief at her marriage." "I will the whole Residue of my . . . goodes wares household-stuff, debtes chattalls plate money moveables and other worldly substaunce . . . shalbe indifferently valued and praysed according to the laudable vse and custome of the Citty of London, and . . . shall be equallie, truelie and justly parted and devided into thre equall and just partes or porc͝ons which three equall partes and porc͝ons I give and bequeathe in maner and forme following:—Alice Coldocke,[3] my welbeloved wief one third part. William Ponsonby and Joan his wife, one third part. Peter Caldock, natural brother, "six poundes thirteen shillings and fower pence." Izabell Walton widow,

natural sister, "six poundes thirteen shillings and fower pence." John Coldocke, "my said brother Peter his sonne, twentie shillings." Frauncis Kyd scrivenor, "in respect of such paines as he is to take as one of the overseers of this my will, twentie shillings." William Leeke stationer, "sometime myne apprentice in respect of such paines as he is to take as one of the overseers of this my will, the like somme of twentie shillings." To the "children of my said daughter Joane Ponsonby and my wiffes sonne Simon Waterson," rings of the value of twenty shillings. "Symon Waterson and Fraunces his wife" rings. Elizabeth Garretson widow "twentie shillings." Agnes Kyd wife of Ffrauncis Kyd "twentie shillings." "I doo release and discharge John Smyth myne apprentice of one yere of the terme of his apprenticeshipp." A special clause that William Ponsonby and his wife should give a discharge in writing for all the legacies and bequests left them.

EXECUTRIX: Wife Alice.

OVERSEERS: Frauncis Kyd and William Leake.

WITNESSES: William Leake, Thomas Heyes, William Young, Francis Kyd scrivenor. [*P.C.C. 20. Bolein.*]

(1). See the wills of R. and J. Wolfe in this series.

(2). See his will in this series.

(3). The daughter of Simon Burton, of the parish of St. Andrew Undershaft. She married three stationers. Her first husband was Richard Waterson, father of Simon Waterson, and after Coldock's death she married Isaac Binge.

ROBERT DEXTER (1590-1603).

Brazen Serpent, St. Paul's Churchyard.

Dated 24th October, 1603. Proved 26th December, 1603.

BEQUESTS: To wife Elizabeth, a third of his estate and 50*li.* for life only. Mother, Alice Dexter widow 30*li.* a year for life, "brother" Nicholas Dexter, 10*li.* a year. Brother Nicholas daughters Ann and Dorothy 30*li.* a peice. Uncle Myles Coltye. Martha Shurland "my wife's sister" 10*li.* Thomas

Shurland of Inner Temple, gent brother to the aforesaid Martha 10*li.* Edward Shurland of Grays Inn, brother in law. Thomas Mason brother in law. Michael Adams brother in law. Peter Scrivenor brother in law. "cosyn" Edward Coltie. "cosyn" Mary Tye the elder wife of John Tye the elder, and her eleven children "twenty shillings a pece." "Three children of my cosen Christopher Wright by his first wife Catherine twenty shillings a pece." Wife of John Hill of Ashebocking co. Suffolk, twenty shillings. "cosyn" Mary Morris three pounds and to her daughter forty shillings. "cosyn" Alice late the wife of Anthony Allwaye forty shillings and to her child twenty shillings. "widow Crosbie forty shillings and to her son twenty shillings." "Mistress Temple widdow in the Black fryers fortye shillings and to her two children twentye shillings a piece." "Mistress Holland of St. Brides widdow wyfe to Mr. Henry Holland preacher." "Dennys Thompson widdow in Knight Ryder streete, fortye shillings." "widow Blevin wife to Richard Blevin deceased fortye shillings." Mistress Bing[1] "sometymes my mistress, I give fortye shillinges to make her a ring." Peter Colldock and Isabell his sister fortye shillings a piece. [various preachers twenty shillings a piece.] Mr. Samuel Crooke. Mr. Thomas Crooke and Helkiah a ring each. "I give vnto the company of Statyoners . . . twentye poundes to be lente foorthe by them vppon securitye for three yeares vnto poore yong men freeborne of the same companye gratis, and so from time to time for three yeares gratis vnto two others of the same company beinge poor yong men as aforesaid." "*Item* I desier and will that all my copies be sould by Mr. Bisshoppe, Mr. Binge, Mr. Man, and Mr. Pownsabie statyoners, and the money thereof made to go to my executors towardes the payments of my debts and legacies aforesaid."

EXECUTORS: Miles Coltye "my unkle," Nicholas Dexter and Mr Stephen Egerton preacher.

WITNESSES: Myles Coltye, Martha Shorlande and Roger Harris notary, Mark of Sarah Crosbie, Mary Morris. [*P.C.C. 108. Boleyn.*]

(1). Previously the wife of Richard Waterson and Francis Coldock.

WILLIAM PONSONBY (1577-1604).

Bishop's Head in Paul's Churchyard.

Dated 31st December, 1603. Proved 23rd January, $160\frac{3}{4}$.

Testator to be buried in the parish church of St. Faith.

BEQUESTS: "And as touchinge the disposinge of my worldlie goodes, chattels, and landes, wherewith the Lorde hathe endowed me, I dispose of in manner and fourme followinge, viz., I make my wief[1] my sole executrix and Mr. Binge[2] and Mr. Jonseed my overseers."

WITNESSES: Mr. Henry Tripp clerk, Isaack Binge and Thomas Overy[3].

[*P.C.C. 5. Harte.*]

(1). Joane or Johanne, the daughter of Francis Coldock (*q.v.*).

(2). No doubt Isaac Bing, stationer, also mentioned lower down.

(3). On the 3rd September, 1604, Ponsonby's copyrights were transferred to Simon Waterson. (Arber's *Transcript*, Vol. III, p. 269.)

RALPH NEWBERY (1560-1607).

"In Fleet Street a little above the Conduit."

Dated 8th March, $160\frac{2}{3}$. Proved 24th April, 1607.

BEQUESTS: Elizabeth, wife, goods in house in St. Bride's parish, Fleet Street; goods in house at Stroud Green; one-third of the manor of Fines alias Feins alias Wollfines alias Wolley fenes, co. Berks. Francis, son, goods in house at Binnam, co. Berks. Thomas Newburie, elder brother, goods. Robert Newburie, brother, goods. "Whereas I lent unto the Queenes Maiestie vppon the greate loane in London the some of fiftie poundes and whereas I lent unto Her Highnes the some of Thirtie poundes upon a Privie Seale. And whereas also my cosen John Newbury[1] doth owe unto me the sum of fifty pounds whiche I paid to Mr. Stone for him, I doe hereby give and bequeath the said severall somes of one hundred and thirtie poundes . . . vnto and amongst the sonnes and daughters of my brothers Robert and Thomas." "To my brother Griffin, ffortie shillinges to bestow in bookes at his pleasure." "To my sister Walley" a ring, with bequests to her children (not named). Martha Thomas and Robert Pister "my wife's

sister's children." "neighbour Scott" and "neighbour Harvye." "And whereas I have a stocke of bookes in Stationers Hall that belongs unto me, as the Remainder of the Booke of Martirs, and certaine parte of and in Maister Daie and Maister Seres priviledge for printinge of bokes, my will and mynde is that my said Stocke and partes in Stationers' Hall shall be sould by the discretion and assistance of the Maister and Wardens for the tyme being of the said companie to the moste advantage and benefitt, and being so sould my will and mynde is that the money, coming for the same shalbe devided into fower equall partes. One parte whereof I give and bequeath vnto and amongst the poore of the said companie of Stationers etc. etc." "If Roger Jackson and John Norcott my late servants[2] shall paie unto me or my executor hereunder named such severall somes of money and in such manner and forme as the same are lymitted appointed or agreed to be paide by a noate and agreement under their handes, then they the said Roger Jackson and John Norcott shall have and enioye to theire owne use all my bookes remayninge and beinge in my shoppe in ffleete-streate in the suburbes of London."

EXECUTOR: Thomas Farrer.

OVERSEERS: Robert Jenkenson, John Scottes, horner.

WITNESSES: John Nightingale, William Abbott.

Codicil made 14th August, 1603. John Newburie of London, stationer "my cousin," to have the shop which now he occupieth and be cleared of debt of fifty pounds on giving security to Robert Newburie, Symon Newburie Marie Stonyver wife of John Stoniver and to Beatrix Newburie, "children to my brother Robert."

WITNESSES: Robert Morler clerk, Robert Newburie and Henry Newburie junr. [*P.C.C. 30. Hudlestone.*]

(1). John Newberry, stationer, lived at the Ball in St. Paul's Churchyard, and carried on business from 1594 to 1603 (?).

(2). Roger Jackson apprenticed himself to Newberry for eight years from the 24th June, 1591. He was in business for himself in 1604. John Norcott is a puzzle. No such name appears in the Registers. It may be a misreading for John Norgate. They do not seem to have availed themselves of this offer.

CUTHBERT BURBY (1592–1607).

Poultry, by St. Mildred's Church, 1592. Cornhill, near the Royal Exchange, 1601–1607.
Swan, St. Paul's Churchyard, 1602–1607.
Succeeded by widow Elizabeth, and afterwards by N. Bourne.

Dated 24th August, 1607. Proved 16th September, 1607.

Testator to be buried in the parish church of St. Mildred in the Poultry, "in which parrishe I served my apprentishipp."

BEQUESTS: Goods chattels, ready money etc., divided into three parts—Elizabeth "my wife one full third part, one other thirde parte I give and bequeathe amonges all my children equally . . . my sonne Edward . . . his parte . . . at such time as he shall accomplishe his full age of twentie and one yeares." "I will that my executrix shall paie and deliver into the hands of the Master and Wardeins of the Companie of Stacioners for the time being within six months next after my decease the some of twentie pounds to be lent vnto two poore younge men Bookesellers free of the same Companie eyther of the saide younge men to have tenn poundes a pece in use and occupieng for the terme and space of three yeares without paying anie interest or other consideration for the same. And to become bounde and two sufficient suerties with either of them vnto the Mr and Wardens of the saide Companie for the time beinge to repaie the said severall Tenn poundes to either of them lent at the ende of three yeares nexte after the lendinge thereof. And after the firste three yeares expired the same Twentie poundes to be lent to two other poore younge men Booksellers for other three years. And so from three yeares to three yeares to be employed for ever." Master Saracold parson of St. Mildred a gowne and twentie shillinges in consideration of a sermon. Poor of the company of Stationers "fortie shillinges." Poor of the parish of St. Mildred "fortie shillinges." Poor of the parish of St. Faithes, "where I am a parishioner . . . fortie shillinges." Brother and brothers children (not named). William Wright[1] "which was my master" eight poundes. Joan Burbie deceased, "late cozen," bequest to her children (not named). "my good frende John Warren a mourning cloak or ring." Thomas Adams, five poundes. Edward Bishopp five poundes. Edmond

Weaver five pounds. "*Item* my will and mynde ys that yf my servaunt Nicholas Bourne[2] shall within three monthes next after my decease accepte and take so manie books of my owne printinge or the lyke in quiors after the rate of twelve shillings the Realme (*sic*) as shall amount to the some of fower hundred poundes . . . sorteablie thorough out all my warehouses as they shall arise And allso so manie other bookes in my Shopp at the Exchange and else where as shall amount to the value of one hundred poundes more after the rate and price following, that is to saie the priviledge books quiers and bindings at the price I paid for them. And the rest of the books at such price as fower indifferent men whereof twoe to be chosen by my wife and the other two by the said Nicholas shall value and appraise them. And do enter and become bounde to my wife by obligation or obligations with one or more suche sufficient suertie or suerties besides himselfe as my overseers shall accepte to paie the saide ffive hundred poundes for all the saide books in fourme following that ys to say, one hundred poundes thereof in hande and everie year after one hundreth pounds vntill all the saide some of five hundreth poundes shalbe fullie paide That then vppon such securitie given and taken by my saide wife, I will that not onlie the books aforesaide shalbe all well and safelie delivered unto the saide Nicholas but allso the Lease estate and tearme of yeres which I have to come of and in my said Shopp scituate in Cornehill at or neere the Royall Exchaunge which lease I then freelie give and bequeath to the said Nicholas Bourne in consideration aswell of the takinge of the foresaide quantitie of books at the rate and prises aforesaide as allso in respect of his true and faithfull service donne vnto me."

EXECUTRIX: Wife Elizabeth.

OVERSEERS: Thomas Adams, Edward Bisshopp and Edmond Weaver.[3]

WITNESSES: Thomas Middletonne, John Bill, Eleazar Edgar, Meiq., John Warren, Scr̃. lr̃e. curiał. London. [*P.C.C. 76. Hudlestone.*]

The attestation clause of the witnesses is dated the 14th day of August, or ten days before the will was made. This is evidently an error.

(1). William Wright carried on business at the Middle Shop in the Row adjoining St. Mildred's Church in the Poultry.

(2). "Nicolas Bourne sonne of Henry Bourne late citizen and cordwa[i]ner of London deceased, hath putt himselfe an apprentice to Cutbert Burby, citizen and Stacioner of London for the terme of Seven yeres from the feast of th[e]anunciation of our lady next [25th March, 1601]" (Arber's *Transcript*, Vol. II, p. 253). Cuthbert Burby's copyrights were made over to him by "Mystres Burbye" on the 16th October, 1609. This was the foundation of Bourne's trade.

(3). All of these were stationers.

GEORGE BISHOP (1569–1611.)

"The Bell, Paul's Churchyard."
Succeeded by Thomas Adams.

Dated 20th February, 1607. Proved 28th January, $16\frac{10}{11}$.

Testator to be buried in St. Faiths.

BEQUESTS: To Mary "my well beloved wief"[1] a third part of his goods, lands in Melborne Stoke co Salop. Martha "my daughter nowe the wief of Thomas Detton gentleman," a third part of his goods. Poor of St. Faiths "tenne pounds." Felix Norton "late servant"[2] release of debts. John Highlord, "brother in law" and Isabell "his nowe wief" a gown. Mark Norton "brother in law" and his wife, a gown and ten pounds. Susan Bullock "my wives sister tenne pounds." Mr. Tripp parson of St. Faith's a black gown. Thomas Adams "my kinsman and his wief" a black gown[3]. Edward Bishop "my kinsman and his wief" a black gown. "I give and bequeath unto Threescore poore men (whereof my desier is there shoulde be soe many free men of the saide Companie of Stacioners as shall have neede) to everie of them a clothe gowne." Elizabeth Walker "my wife's kinswoman fortie pounds." Henry Walker "her sonne tenne pounds." Gabriell Cawood "sonne of Gabriell Cawood my late brother in law deceased thirty poundes to be paide him at his age of one and twentie yeares." Elizabeth Norton, "my wife's sister's daughter tenne poundes." William Apsley "my late servant," five pounds and release of all debts.[4] Joseph Browne "my servant" five pounds; and William Arundell "my servant fortie shillings."[5] Residue to Mary wife and executrix.

Freehold lands in Melborne Stoke co Salop except two tenements called Newtons bequeathed to wife for life with reversion to daughter Martha and failing heirs to Christs Hospital, the rents and profit to be employed in the

following manner. Sixty pounds per annum unto three scholars or students in divinity, the first three to be chosen by the governors, and the next three by the Master and Wardens of the Company of Stationers. Christchurch Oxford to be the college chosen, "in that John Bishop my late sonne and heire deceased was of that howse and lyeth there buryed" his own and his wifes kinsmen to have privilege of election.

Another portion of this money was to be handed over to the company of Stationers to be lent out by them to young men free of the Company without interest. The bequest to be voide in the event of negligence on the part of the Company to carry it out. The tenements called Newtons already leased to the Company of Stationers for five hundred years at a peppercorn rent out of which they were to pay six pounds per annum to poor young men of the Company and ten pounds a year to preachers at Pauls Cross.

WITNESSES: Edward White scrivenor, William Apsley, William Harsnett, servant unto the said scrivenor.

Codicil dated November, 1610. "That in respect his cozen Thomas Adams hadd with his shopp a great deale of wares that came to a great somme of money which would be hard to him unles he should have the said dwelling howse of the said George Bishop after the decease of him and his wief That his will and mind was and he did give the Lease of his saide dwellinge howse vnto the said Thomas Adams after the decease of him the saide George Bishop and Mary his wief etc."

OVERSEERS: John Highlord, John Norton, and Thomas Adams.

WITNESSES: John Norton, Edward White scr. [*P.C.C. 2. Wood.*]

(1). Daughter of John Cawood.

(2). Son of his brother in law, Mark Norton, apprenticed for nine years in 1591.

(3). "Thomas Adams was the son of a Shropshire man, and was apprenticed first in 1582 to Oliver Wilkes but, a twelve month afterwards was turned over to George Bishop, and was younger Warden of the Company in 1610-11. The copyrights of George Bishop were transferred to him on the 14th March, 1611. Published from 1591 to 1620."—Arber's *Transcript*, Vol. III, p. 453.

(4). Apprenticed 5th February, 1588, made free 11th April, 1597. Publishing from 1598 to 1640.

(5). These two apprentices were not yet out of their time.

JOHN NORTON (1590–1612).

King's Printer in Latin, Greek and Hebrew.
In partnership with Bonham Norton at the Queen's Arms, St. Paul's Churchyard, and at Eton, 1610.

Dated 21st May, 1612. Proved 12th January, 161$\frac{2}{3}$.

BEQUESTS: To Joyce Norton wife,[1] "I give and bequeathe the somme of One Hundred and fiftie poundes of lawfull money of England to be payde within one yeare next after my decease to the Person [*i.e.*, parson] and churchwardens of the Parrishe churche of St. ffaithe vnder the cathedrall Churche of St. Paule in London, for the tyme beinge Whiche sayde Somme of one hundred and fiftie poundes I will and requier shall with all convenient speed after the receipt there of by the sayde Parson and Churchwardens be by them or theire Successors in theire best discreacons layed oute and disbursed to buye and purchase in ffee simple Landes, Tenementes or hereditaments or an Annuytye or Rentcharge of as greate an yerelie valewe as for the sayde one hundred and fiftie poundes can or may convenientlie be purchased The yearlie Revenewes of wch sayde Landes Tenements hereditaments or Rentcharge or annuytie I will shalbe yearelie and from tyme to tyme forever distributed to and among the poore of the Company of Stacioners and the poore of the sayde Parrishe of Saincte ffaithe (that is to saye everie Wensdaye weekelie to twelve Poore people whereof sixe to be free of the Companye of Stacioners and sixe to be Parrishoners of the Parrishe of St. ffaithes vnder Paules, one penny loafe and Twoe pence a peece and the vauntage loafe to the Clerke there). And my will is that one Sermon be preached in St. ffaithes Churche aforesaid vppon Ashewensdaye yerelye forever for the which the Preacher to have Tenn shillings, and the residue of monye that shall yerelie proceede or come of the said Revennewe I will shalbe bestowed vppon the Company of Stacioners of London at Stacioners hall in cakes wine and ale after or before the sermon vpon Ashe wensdaye. And I will and requier that the sayde twelve poore people be from tyme to tyme nominated and appoynted at and by the discreꝯon of the Master Wardens and assistaunts of the arte or Misterie of Stacioners

of the Cittie of London and theire successors for the tyme beinge on the Wensdaye weekelie of and in everie yeare yearelie forever." "I give and bequeathe to the Master and Wardens and Assistants of the sayde arte or misterie of Stacioners of the saide Cittie of London, by what name soever they be incorporated the Somme of One Thousand Poundes . . . for the purchase and buying of landes, etc. . . . the yerely rents . . . [to be] converted and disposed in Loans aunswerable and agreeable proporcionably to a perpetuall devise or Legacye of Six poundes thirtene shillinges fower pence or thereabouts per annum conteyned or mencioned in the last will and Testament of my unckle William Norton deceassed . . ." Poor children of Christ's Hospital fifty pounds and to prisoners in the prisons of London, five pounds a piece. Leonard the "eldest sonne of my brother Richard Norton deceased, one thousand pounds." Thomas Dallowe "brother in lawe tenne pounds." Edward Dallowe "brother in lawe" of Kingston, Twenty pounds. Anne Watmer and Johane Dallowe "sisters in law tenn poundes a peece." Jane Norton "cosyn ffiftie pounds to buye hir a diamond."[2] John Bill "sometyme my servaunte tenn pounds."[3] Anne Bill, "his wife tenn poundes." "*Item* I give and bequeathe to Sara[4] my cosyn Bonham Nortons daughter, the sum of two hundred poundes . . . to be payde vnto hir at the time of hir marriage. *Item* I give to Arthur, Roger, John, George and William sonnes of my sayde cosyn Bonham Norton, everie of them ffiftie pounds . . . to my cosyn Bonham Nortons three youngest daughters each of them ffiftie poundes . . . And my will and mynde is . . . that yf it shall happen any of the sayde sonnes or daughters of my sayde cosyn Bonham Norton to dye . . . before the legacye or legacyes to him, her or them . . . bequeathed shall be payable . . . Then and in such case . . . not only the legacie or legacies of everie of the sayde fower last named younger Sonnes . . . shall go . . . to and amongst the survivors . . . But also the legacie or legacies of everie of the sayde three daughters . . . shall goe . . . to and amongst the survivors . . ." John Hoggetts "my Journyman twentye poundes." Residue to "cosyn" Bonham Norton, also appointed sole executor.

The manor of Bottrells Aston co. Salop and all other lands in that county he left to his wife Joyce with reversion to "cosyn" Bonham Norton, such reversion being subject to his paying the following legacies: Leonard the "eldest sonne of brother Richard" one thousand pounds, the said Leonard to make a conveyance or release of all his rights to the said property to Bonham Norton within four months of attaining his majority. Luce Wighte daughter of Thomas Wighte late citizen and drap of London, two hundred pounds. Thomas Wighte "sonne of the sayde Thomas, one hundred poundes." "I will ordain devise and requier by these pñts that for and towardes the better increase of the Joynture to my sayde wief . . there shalbe paide vnto her yearelie for and duringe the terme of the nrãll lief of Fraunces Rea[5] oute of the benefitts and proffitts arisinge of or by the kings Maj^ts^ łres patents for the ymprintinge and sellinge of Grammars one yearelie somme or payment of ffiftie poundes . . ."

OVERSEERS: Sir Roger Owen knight and Thomas Man stationer.

WITNESSES: Richard Wrighte notary, Ralph Wright, John Edwards and John Hynton servaunts to the said notary. [*P.C.C. 5. Capell.*]

(1). Afterwards in partnership with Richard Whitaker.

(2). The wife of Bonham Norton.

(3). "John Bill sonne of Walter Bill late of Wenlock in the countie of Salop husbandman deceased, hath put himself apprentice to John Norton citizen and Stacioner of London for the terme of Eight yeres, from the feast of Sainct James th[e] Apostle last paste. [25th July, 1592.]"—Arber's *Transcript*, Vol. II, p. 182. John Bill obtained a share in the King's Printing Office and was associated with Robert Barker the elder, and Bonham Norton in the management of it.—See *The King's Printing House under the Stuarts* (*Library*, October, 1901).

(4). Married Christopher Barker, the eldest son of Robert Barker.

(5). Francis Rea was another Shropshire man who no doubt, through the interest of the Nortons and John Bill, obtained a position in the Company of Stationers.

JOHN HARRISON THE ELDEST (1559–1617).[1]

White Greyhound, St. Paul's Churchyard.
[White ?] Greyhound, Paternoster Row.

Dated 8th January, 161$\frac{2}{3}$. Proved 11th February, 161$\frac{6}{7}$.

Testator dwelling in the parish of St. Michaell in the Querne.[2]

Buried in the parish church of St. Michaell in the Querne "where of I am and of longe tyme have been a parrishioner and inhabitante."

BEQUESTS: Goods divided into three parts in accordance with the custom of the city of London:—Julian "my . . . wife" a third part.[3] Joseph Harrison, "my sonne."[4] John Gubbins,[5] Mary Tirer, and Elizabeth Edwardes "my daughters" a third part to be equally divided. Remaining third part to pay the following legacies; Poor children of Christ's Hospital, "ffortie shillings." Poor of Bridewell, "ffortie shillings."[6] John Harrison, "my brother," three pounds.[7] Raphe Tirer, "sonne in law" and Mary his wife a like sum. Roger Edwardes, "sonne in lawe" and Elizabeth his wife, a like sum. Henry Bannister, "sonne in lawe" and Anne his wife a like sum. Thomas Man, brother in law, and his wife (not named) a like sum.[8] Mary the wife of "sonne" Joseph. Richard Harrison of Brembrough co Chester, twenty shillings. Elizabeth Batt cousin, late wife of Walter Batt, twenty shillings. "I give and bequeathe to and amongest the company of Stationers in London whereof I am a member for a remembrance of my loving affection towardes them the some of ffive poundes." Hester Gubbins daughter of Thomas Gubbins, "sonne in lawe" five pounds. John Townley, "sonne in lawe," a ring. John Bankes, godson, a ring. Alice Cooke, cousin, twenty shillings, "and to everie of my householde servantes, dwelling with me at the time of my death tenne shillings" Residue divided between the children of "my sonnes in lawe Raphe Tirer, Thomas Gubbins and Thomas Hunte my daughter Elizabeth's late husband."[9]

Real estate left as follows:—Joseph Harrison "sonne," "one shopp scituate in Paules churchyarde," premises in the Isle of grayne and Lewisham in the co of Kent, with reversion to his children, in default of such issue to his three

daughters and their children, and in default to his brother John and his children. Mary the wife of Ralph Tirer, four houses in the town of Northampton and other property in the same county, with reversion to son Joseph and his heirs. Elizabeth Edwardes wife of Roger Edwards two houses in Sippenham in the parish of Lewisham co Kent, one in the occupation of Robert Brookehouse and the other in that of George Tint, lately bought of Mr. Henly, with reversion to son Joseph. Johan Gubbins, wife of Thomas Gubbins a sum of twenty shillings annually out of the rents of one of the houses in Northampton and four pounds per annum from one of the houses in Sippenham. John Hunte "sonne of my daughter Elizabeth," copyhold messuage in Hounslow co Midd. In case of disputes arising the arbitrators were to be Thomas Man, John Harrison and Henry Banister.

EXECUTORS: Julian Harrison wife, Roger Edwardes son in law.

SUPERVISORS AND OVERSEERS: John Harrison brother, and Raphe Tirer and Henry Banister sons in law.

WITNESSES: Thomas Tiler, William Hopkins, Thomas Alcocke.

[*P.C.C. 15. Weldon.*]

(1). This stationer must have reached a great age at the time of his death. He was in business fifty-eight years, and allowing him to have set up for himself at the early age of twenty, this would make him seventy-eight when he died, and he was probably older.

(2). Better known as St. Michael ad Bladum, stood at the North-East end of Paternoster Row.

(3). See the will of Johan Wolfe, widow, in this series.

(4). The will of Johan Wolfe, widow, mentions Reginald Harrison sonne of the saide John Harrison, and he also had a son John, who died in 1604.

(5). Probably this is the same with the "Johan Harrison daughter of the saide John Harrison," also mentioned in the will of Johan Wolfe.

(6). These and the sum of five pounds given to the Stationers' Company, were the whole of John Harrison's charitable bequests.

(7). Better known as John Harrison the younger. He died in the following year. See his will in this series.

(8). Thomas Man, stationer, published from 1578 to 1624. Lived at the sign of the Talbot, in Paternoster Row. He was Master of the Stationers' Company in 1604, 1610, 1614, 1616.

(9). A stationer of this name took up his freedom in 1614. (See Arber's *Transcript*, Vol. III, p. 684.)

JOHN HARISON THE YOUNGER (1579–1617).

The Golden Anchor, Paternoster Row.
Succeeded by son John.

Dated 10th June, 1616. Proved 10th August, 1618.

BEQUESTS: John, Philip, Josias, Benjamin, sons, a silver spoon each. Johan Fuller widowe "my daughter" a silver spoon. Residue to wife Agnes, executrix.

OVERSEERS: John Lewes of Sundridge co. Kent, and John Modye of the Middle Temple gent, cousins.

WITNESSES: John Modye, Thomas Whitlache, Charles Adin, John Barker.

[*P.C.C. 82. Meade.*]

RICHARD FIELD (1588–1624).

[A fellow Townsman of William Shakespeare and the printer of his first poem, Venus and Adonis.]

Blackfriars. Splayed Eagle in St. Michael's parish near Wood Street.
Succeeded by George Miller.

Dated 24th November, 1624. Proved 14th December, 1624.

Testator to be buried in parish church of St. Michael near Wood Street "in wch p̄rishe I doe now dwell."

BEQUESTS: "My will and mynde is that all and singular my goods chattells debts and p̄sonall estate shalbe p̄ted and devided into three equall partes accordinge to the auncient and laudable custome of the citie of London" Jane[1] "my welbeloved wife" one full third part. "my children such as are or shalbe borne," a third part. The remaining third part bequeathed as follows:—Poor of the parish of St. Michaell near Woodstreet three pounds. "To the Company of Stationers in London, whereof I am a member for a drinking for the livery of the said Company the some of Tenn poundes." Ursula, "one of the daughters of my sister Margaret sixe poundes, thirteen shillings and four pence." Sara, "another of the daughters of my sister Margaret," a like amount. Manasses Vautrollier "fortie shillinges"; James Vautrollier[2] "fortie

shillinges." George Miller[3] "twentye shillinges to make him a ringe." "I doe hereby fully and freely release vnto Manasses Vautrollier Andrewe Harris and John Ebson their executors and assignes all such debtes and somes of money whatsoever as they owe and are indebted unto me." "The Splayed Eagle" situate in the said prishe of St. Michaell neare Wood Street . . . I do give and bequeathe the same . . . vnto my sonne Richard Field etc." Two other messuages adjoining, left to wife Jane in trust for son Samuel.

EXECUTRIX: Wife Jane.

WITNESSES: George Miller, the marke of Anne Snelling, Hum. Dyson Notary Publiq, and of me Ro. Dickens sgeant unto the said Notary.[4]

[*P.C.C. 107. Byrde.*]

(1). Not Jaklin nor Jacqueline, which were the names the widow of T. Vautrollier was known by. At the same time Jane may have been a contraction. But it seems improbable that Vautrollier's widow was alive at this date. How long she had been married to her first husband there is nothing to show, but limiting it to ten years, and allowing her to have been married at the early age of fifteen, this date would make her between sixty and seventy years of age at the least.

(2). Two of the sons of Thomas Vautrollier (*q.v.*).

(3). "George Myller sonne of George Myller of Ketteringe in the county of Northampton Scholemaster, hathe putt him selfe an apprentice to Richard ffield Citizen and Stationer of London for the terme of seven yeres from Michaelmas next [29th September] 1604." [Arber's *Transcript*, Vol. II, p. 281.] He was publishing from 1618 to 1640, perhaps later.

(4). This is the only will in this series enrolled on the Hustings Rolls of the City of London.

JOHN BILL. KING'S PRINTER (1604–1630).

Northumberland House, St. Martin's Lane.
Hunsdon House, Blackfriars.

Dated 24th April, 1630. Proved 12th May, 1630.

Testator to be buried in the church of St. Ann's Blackfriers.

BEQUESTS: "Vnto the poore of the parish of Much Wendlock in the countie of Salopp where I was borne, fiftene pounds to remaine and continue as a stocke for the poore of the said parish for ever." "To the poore pentioners

of the Company of Stationers whereof I am a member, ten pounds." "To the master and wardens and others the Companie of Stationers, to be spent in a dinner, ten pounds." "To the Hall of the Company of Stationers two peeces of plate of the value of twenty pounds, the same to bee bought and chosen by my executors." William Bill "my brother" ten pounds . . . . "vnto my brother William's wife, five pounds . . . . vnto every of my brother Williams children five pounds a peece." Fraunces Bill nephew "my brother Richard sonne twentie pounds." Meriell Leate, "my neece," five pounds; Elizabeth Bill, "my neece," twentye pounds; Maudlyn Kem̄ "my neece," ten pounds. Anna Fisher, "my neece Maudlyn's daughter, five pounds." "Vnto my servant James Burrage for his good and trusty service twentie pounds. And I shall desire him to continue the same imployment in the printinge office which now he hath for the good of my children." Elizabeth Garrett, "my servant." "Vnto my loveinge freind Mr. William Garrett[1] to buy him a peece of plate tenn pounds, and I shall hartily desire him to continue the same imployment which now he hath for the good and benefitt of my children." "To every one of my Prentices when they have served their full tyme for my use, fortie shillings." Robert Graves and Grace his wife, for their care at Cane-wood (*i.e.*, Caen Wood, near Highgate), fortie shillings apeece." Doctor Goulston ten pounds; Doctor Andrews "sixe pounds thirteene shillings fower pence." Steephen Barkham, "my loveinge friend," three pounds; William Tully "my loveing friend," fortie shillings; Doctor Mountford, "father in lawe," three pounds; Henry Franckline, "father in lawe and Cicill his wife fortie shillings a peece." Joane Mountford, "sister in lawe fortie shillings;" Ann Lambe "my sister in lawe, fortie shillings;" Cicell Ellys, "sister in lawe fortie shillings;" Mr. Joseph Fenton, "my good friend" three pounds; Mr. Abraham Halsey, "my good friend" five pounds; Richard Leate, "my cosin" five pounds; Bonham Norton[2] five pounds; Robert Barker the elder five pounds[3]; Doctor Gouch "if he preach at my funerall" five pounds; Mrs. Elizabeth Wogan "fortie shillings"; Doctor Mountford, "brother in lawe" ten pounds. William Austin, Esqr. "cosin" ten pounds. "Vnto my loveinge friend Mr. Martin Lucas, for his care

and direcc̃on which he hath had in the settinge of my estate, and for that greate truste which I repose in him .... fiftie pounds."[4] Jane Bill "wife .... all that parte of the house where I nowe dwell and all my other parte of my houses which I purchased with Mr. Bonham Norton of Dame Elizabeth Berkeley scituate and beinge in the Blackfriers and St. Andrewes in the Wardrope. And also those two chambers now in my possession which I hold by lease for divers yeares yet induringe with other roomes from one Cuthbert Burbage and others for soe longe tyme as the said lease shall continue together with all the furniture .... she my said wife allowinge such roomes and chambers with their severall furnitures now used as shalbe ordered and appointed here after for that service soe longe as the said office shalbe kept where now it is ....[5] "Vnto my said wife during her life one yearely rent or annuitie of three hundred pounds to bee issuing and goeinge out of the profitts of my parte of the kings printinge office and my land at Canewood within the parish of St. Panchras and countie of Middlesex." John Bill "my sonne" a third part. Charles Bill "my second sonne" a third part of goods etc. Henry Bill "my third sonne" five hundred pounds etc. Anna Bill "daughter" six hundred pounds etc. child unborn five hundred pounds. "vnto my sonne John Bill after the payment and discharge of such legacies as in this my last will are limited and appointed all my estate and tearme in my parte of the Kings printinge office." Residue to John Mountford Doctor in divinity, William Austin Esq and Martin Lucas Gent, who are nominated executors in trust for son John.

OVERSEERS: Richard Leate "cosin" and William Garrett.

WITNESSES: Theodor Gulston, Stephen Barkham, William Willson, William Garrat, James Boorrage.

Codicil dated 5th of May leaving reversion of bequest to son John to other sons, etc. etc. "*Item* I give and bequeath more to my loveinge wife Jane Bill, the three hundred and twentie pounds which I have in the English stocke with the company of Stationers."

WITNESSES: William Gough, William Garret. [*P.C.C. 44. Scroope.*]

(1). A stationer of this name was publishing between 1622 and 1640.

(2). Partner with Bill in the King's printing office between 1615 to 1619, and again between 1620 and 1629.

(3). The King's Printer, partner with Bill between 1616 and 1617, and again between 1629 and 1630.

(4). Martin Lucas and Robert Barker were fined £300 in 1632 for printing the "Wicked" Bible. As a matter of fact Martin Lucas was not a printer, and had nothing to do with the matter except as executor for John Bill.

(5). See *Library*, New Series, Vol. II, p. 353 *et seq. The King's Printing House under the Stuarts.*"

APPENDIX I.

STATIONERS WHOSE WILLS ARE NOT INSERTED IN THIS VOLUME.

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1517.	LAWND, WILLIAM.	*Comm. of London. 29. Bennet.*
1529.	TAVERNER, JOHN.	*P.C.C. 11. Thower.* (Abstract given in Arber's *Transcript*, Vol. II, p. 8.)
153½.	SEDLEY, JOHN.	*P.C.C. 20. Thower.* (Abstract given in Arber's *Transcript*, Vol. II, p. 8.)
1535.	WILMOTT, JOHN.	*Comm. of London. 257. Tunstall.*
1540.	REDMAN, ROBERT.	*P.C.C. 15. Alenger.* (Abstract given in Ames' *Typographical Antiquities.*)
1541.	PEPWELL, HENRY.	*P.C.C. 22 Alenger.* (Abstract given in Arber's *Transcript*, Vol. II, p. 9. *See* also *Bibliographica*, Vol. I, p. 191.)
1543.	GOUGH, JOHN.	*Comm. of London. 132. Story.*
1545.	GAVOR, JAMES.	*Comm. of London. 184. Story.* (*See Library*, New Series, Vol. II, p. 384.)
1547.	MIDDLETON, WILLIAM.	*P.C.C 39. Alenger.* (Abstract given in Arber's *Transcript*, Vol. II, p. 9.)
1548.	TABB, HENRY.	*P.C.C. 27. Populwell.*
1548.	LAWE, THOMAS.	*Comm. of London. 211. Story.*
1556.	WAYLAND, JOHN.	*P.C.C. 9. Peter.*
1557.	HESTER, ANDREW.	*Comm. of London. 142. Harpesfield.*

1559.	DOCKWRAY, or DOCQUERAY, THOMAS.	*P.C.C. 34. Chagnay.* (Abstract given in Arber's *Transcript*, Vol. I, p. xxxiv.)
1567.	LOBLEY, MICHAEL.	*Comm. of London. 289. Huick.*
1587.	MIDDLETON, HENRY.	*Comm. of London. p. 104.*
1598.	COOKE, WILLIAM.	*P.C.C. 11. Lewyn.*
1598.	COOKE, ANNE, Widow.	*P.C.C. 38. Lewyn.*
1598.	CONWAY, HENRY.	*P.C.C. 72. Lewyn.*
1601.	JACKSON, RALPH.	*P.C.C. 55. Woodhall.*
1624.	AGGAS, E.	*P.C.C. 9. Clarke.*
1625.	SNODHAM, THOMAS.	*P.C.C. 109. Clarke.*
1625.	PAVIER, THOMAS.	*P.C.C. 19. Hele.*

APPENDIX II.

STATIONERS WHOSE WILLS ARE PROVED IN THE COURT OF THE CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD.

1501. AITOLS, SEBASTIAN, bookseller.

1501. COKE, CHRISTOPHER, stationer.

1502. LESQUIER, WILLIAM, bookseller.

1513. CASTELLAM, GEORGE (? bookseller).

1514. JACOB, HENRY, bookseller.

1537. HUBBERT, WILLIAM, stationer.

1537. PILGROM, GARRET, bookseller.

1579. CLIFTON, NICHOLAS, stationer.

1588. ARCHER, HUMPHREY, stationer.

1591. FOXON, ROBERT, stationer.

1609. HARKE, *alias* GERBRAND or GARBRAND, ANNE, Widow of RICHARD, bookseller.

1613. CROSSELIE, JOHN, stationer.

1620. BARNES, JOSEPH, stationer.

1623. PEARCE, FRANCIS, stationer.

1628. PYNNART, DOMINIC, stationer.

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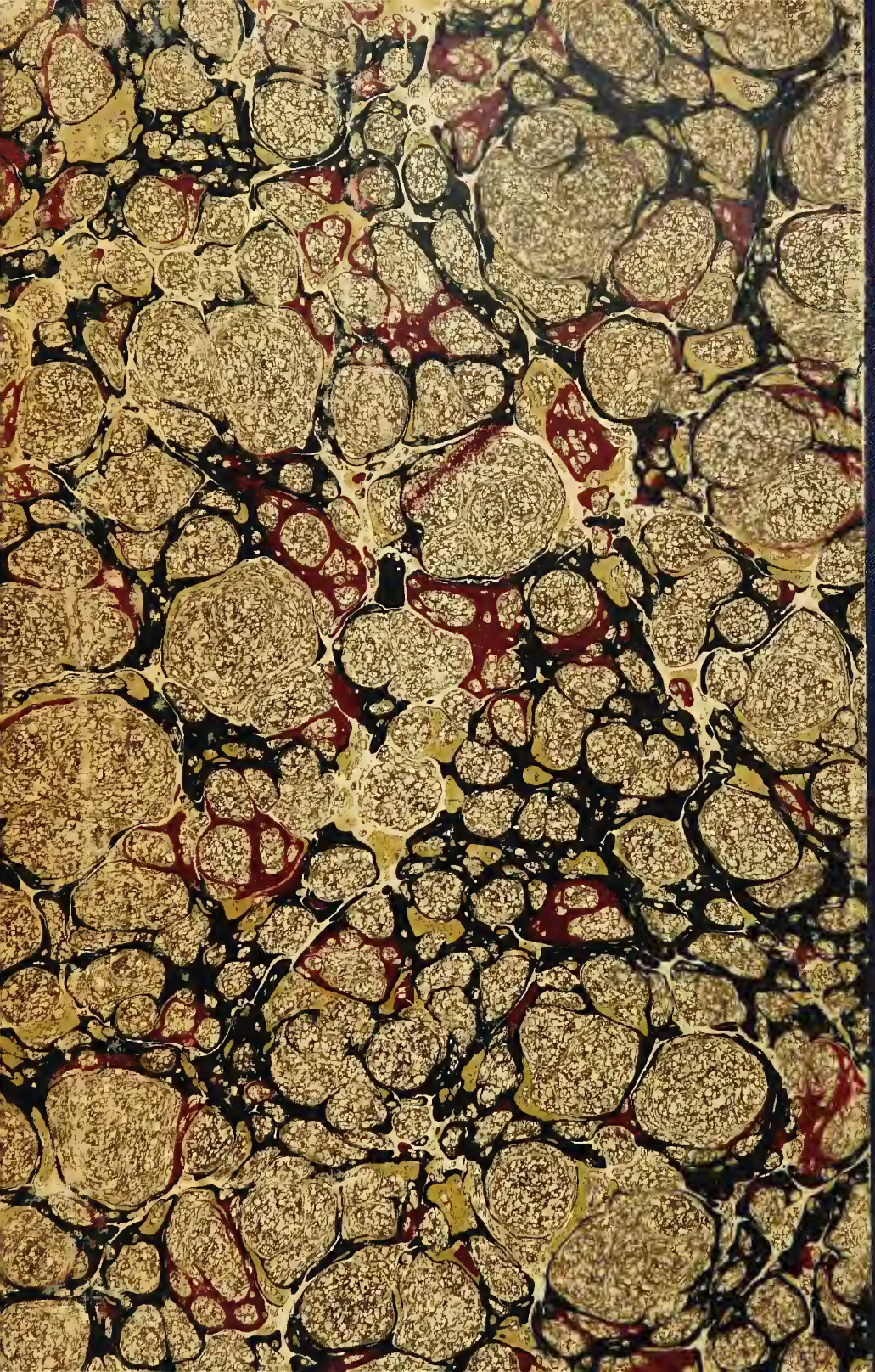
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